

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
2020-2021 POLICY STATEMENTS

LONG-TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS

The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver program provides services and supports to adults and children with disabilities to help them continue to live in or return to their own homes. These waiver services are essential lifelines for individuals with developmental disabilities. They are more cost-effective than institutions and promote self-determination.

1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver – HCBS Waivers provide supports such as personal care, healthcare, mobility, housekeeping assistance, transportation, therapy, socialization & respite care.

STATEMENT:

Home and Community Based Waiver Services (HCBS) support the ability of individuals to live life on their own terms, are more cost effective than institutions, and promote self-determination.

POSITION:

CCDD supports legislation, policy and practices that:

- Provide access to community living for all.
- Support the ability of individuals to make their own choices about how, where and with whom they choose to live.
- Allow access to a full range of accommodations necessary to ensure that living in their community is possible.
- Allow services to minor children in their home or setting of their choice.
- Include individuals with disabilities and family members as stakeholders in HCBS.
- Reduce the number of individuals waiting for services for community living.
- Promote the independence of individuals with disabilities across the lifespan.
- Allow for individuals who have medically complex needs, require the flexibility to access the needed services based on their personal needs and the ability to be supported in a community setting when appropriate.
- Create greater choices for individuals with medically complex needs including exceptional services.



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