

# Summary of Stakeholder Input HCBS Waiver Amendments

**Public Meeting Dates: Olympia WA June 20 - Spokane WA June 21 – Lynwood WA June 26 2018**

**Purpose:** Identify client needs for habilitative behavior support services in DDA’s HCBS waiver programs

**Scope:** DDA must provide (or authorize) HCBS Waiver services in compliance with federal and state requirements. HCBS waiver programs and services are designed to meet the unmet needs of waiver participants when other resources cannot.

**Summary:** Representatives from DDA met with stakeholders to discuss HCBS waiver participants’ need for waiver services related to habilitative behavior support. DDA proposes amending the DDA waiver services Positive Behavior Support and Behavioral Health Stabilization Services. The intent of the amendment is to redefine DDA services to make the pathway to service access between AppleHealth and DDA waiver services more transparent and easier for a waiver participant to navigate. The following feedback and requests were received within the scope of waiver renewals and are being considered during the amendment process:

## Service Requests:

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) requested for adults age 21 and over
- Increase overnight beds for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis
- Increase access to transition supports for individuals exiting jail
- Increase supports focusing on communication
- Add DOH ABA credentials to list of qualified waiver service providers
- Ensure specialized habilitation is available on the Core waiver
- Add sex education and healthy relationships to the waiver
- Increase services to support interpersonal skills and independent living
- Add music, art, equine, and recreational therapies to all waivers
- Recognize the link between quality of life and mental health- offer more services to increase quality of life
- Have a service to meet the needs of those with assaultive behaviors
- Increase supports for supported decision making, particularly during transition from family home to own home during adulthood

## Waiver Amendment Suggestions/Feedback:

- Time between waiver amendments should be a seamless transition for clients
- Increase clarity between state plan (AppleHealth) and HCBS waiver services
- Consider vocational supports as a component of behavior support
- Ensure continuity of care during transition from age 20 to 21
- Coordination of care is vital between AppleHealth benefits and DDA waiver services
- Map provider networks, capacity and service access process
- One website for all services
- Consolidate applicable provider contracts to streamline the contracting process
- Expedite processes across systems streamline access to care

The following feedback was received, but is outside of the scope of the proposed DDA HCBS waiver amendments. These suggestions may be considered at a later time.

## Requests/feedback:

- Add housing supports to the waiver

- Improve communication of available services from staff to families so clients more clearly understand what is available to them
- Create fact sheets for all DDA services
- Access community inclusion and employment supports at the same time
- There is confusion regarding the difference between the services community engagement, community guide and community integration

At this time, the targeted effective date for waiver amendment implementation is July 1, 2019. Waiver amendment drafts will be posted and available for public comment approximately 6 months prior to the implementation date. To sign up for news and updates on GovDelivery [click here](#).