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Coming to Louisiana: Managed Long Term Supports and Services For People with Disabilities

Changes are on the horizon in the supports and services system for people with developmental disabilities, people with adult-onset disabilities and seniors. Plans have been in development for the past two years to move home and community-based waiver services, institutional services and other long term supports to a managed care system. **Your input is needed on the design and implementation of this system to ensure it fully and flexibly meets the needs of people with disabilities and their families in their own homes and communities.**

The Developmental Disabilities Council first submitted recommendations on this proposed system to the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) in April 2013. Last October DHH issued its initial concept paper on this change in service delivery and released an [Update](#) last month detailing its preliminary plans to move long term supports and services into managed care. The Council sent a [Second Letter in May 2014](#) detailing where the DHH Update is aligned with the Council's initial recommendations and where more specificity and/or changes are needed.

If you or your family member receive or are waiting for services, it is important that you read the plans being considered (in the update linked above) and provide input to DHH on what you like in these plans and/or any concerns you may have. Public comments are being accepted at LongTermCare@la.gov.

For more information about managed long-term supports and services, including recommendations from the Centers on Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and other groups, visit the Council's [Community Supports Resources](#) page on our website where numerous documents on this topic are posted.