



Proposed Changes to DD Waiver Services

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After years of working together with stakeholders, the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) released its proposed waiver amendments and rule revisions for the current developmental disability waivers (Children's Choice, Supports, Residential Options, and New Opportunities Waivers). The proposed revisions were designed with the intent of helping to improve access to home and community-based waiver services and to better meet the needs of thousands of Louisianans waiting for a waiver slot. More information about OCDD's proposed changes can be found in the September 2017 issue of the [Louisiana Register](#) starting on page 1838.

Key Changes Being Proposed

- Implementation of a tiered waiver system which will establish one Request for Services Registry (Registry) or Waiting List for all DD waivers.
- Registry/Waiting List will be arranged by urgency of need and date of application for DD waiver services.
- Age for Children's Choice Waiver will be increased through age 20.
- The NOW, ROW, and Supports Waivers will become adult-only waivers for new participants. (Children currently in these waivers will be grandfathered in.)
- Children (under the age of 21) on the Registry/Waiting List will be eligible for a Children's Choice Waiver. Children will be offered a Children's Choice waiver opportunity based on urgency of need, date of application, and available funding.
- Individuals 18 - 21 years of age receiving Children's Choice who are not in school may transition to Supports Waiver based on their need.
- Adults on the Registry/Waiting List will be eligible for the DD waiver that will best meet their needs. A New Opportunities Waiver will be allocated only when other DD waivers do not support the individual's needs. Adults will be offered a waiver opportunity based on urgency of need, date of application, and available funding.
- Reserved capacity for emergency slots will be eliminated.

The following opportunities are available if you would like to provide public comment/feedback:

- Public hearing will be held on October 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Bienville Building (628 N. Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA) Room 118.
- Submit written comments to Jen Steele at the Bureau of Health Services Financing (P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821)
- Email comments to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov

All written and email comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on October 27, 2017.

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