

Department of Developmental Services  
PUBLIC NOTICE – AMENDMENT TO HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES  
(HCBS) WAIVER FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in partnership with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is seeking to amend the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

**Description of Waiver Amendment**

The HCBS waiver is available statewide to provide individuals with developmental disabilities the desired services and supports needed to implement their Individual Program Plan (IPP). The proposed amendment will include the following changes:

- Time-Limited Rate Increase
  - Time-limited rate increases for specified service providers.
  - Chapter 28, Statutes of 2019 (SB 81, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), provided DDS with time-limited funding to provide supplemental rates increases for specified service providers effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The rate increases shall be suspended at the end of this period unless certain conditions, as specified in SB 81, apply.

The aggregate fiscal impact of this amendment is estimated to be \$569,453,000 for waiver years 3 and 4.

The DDS is soliciting input on the proposed amendment to the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities under the Social Security Act. The waiver amendment application will be posted on the DDS website at <http://www.dds.ca.gov/waiver/home.cfm>. The public comment period will begin on August 2, 2019. Public comments will be considered through September 1, 2019. Comments or requests to review/receive a hardcopy of the application can be submitted via email to [Carie.Powell@dds.ca.gov](mailto:Carie.Powell@dds.ca.gov) or in writing to the Department of Developmental Services, Attention Federal Program Operations Section, 1600 Ninth Street, Room 310, MS 3-8, Sacramento, CA 95814.

If you have any questions please contact Carie Powell, Chief, Federal Programs Operations Section at (916) 654-1972 or [Carie.Powell@dds.ca.gov](mailto:Carie.Powell@dds.ca.gov).

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