



**To pay for services for people with developmental disabilities (DD), the State of New Hampshire(NH) operates the “DD Waiver.”** The DD Waiver includes services with broad definitions. While this offers a lot of service flexibility, the broad definitions do not work for everyone. To offer more services to families and help improve equal access to services for all families, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) will revise this waiver with updated (and new) service definitions. After the DD Waiver enhancements are complete, the Department will develop a new **Individual and Family Support Waiver** to further expand services and promote equal access.



### What Does Having an enhanced DD Waiver Mean for People?

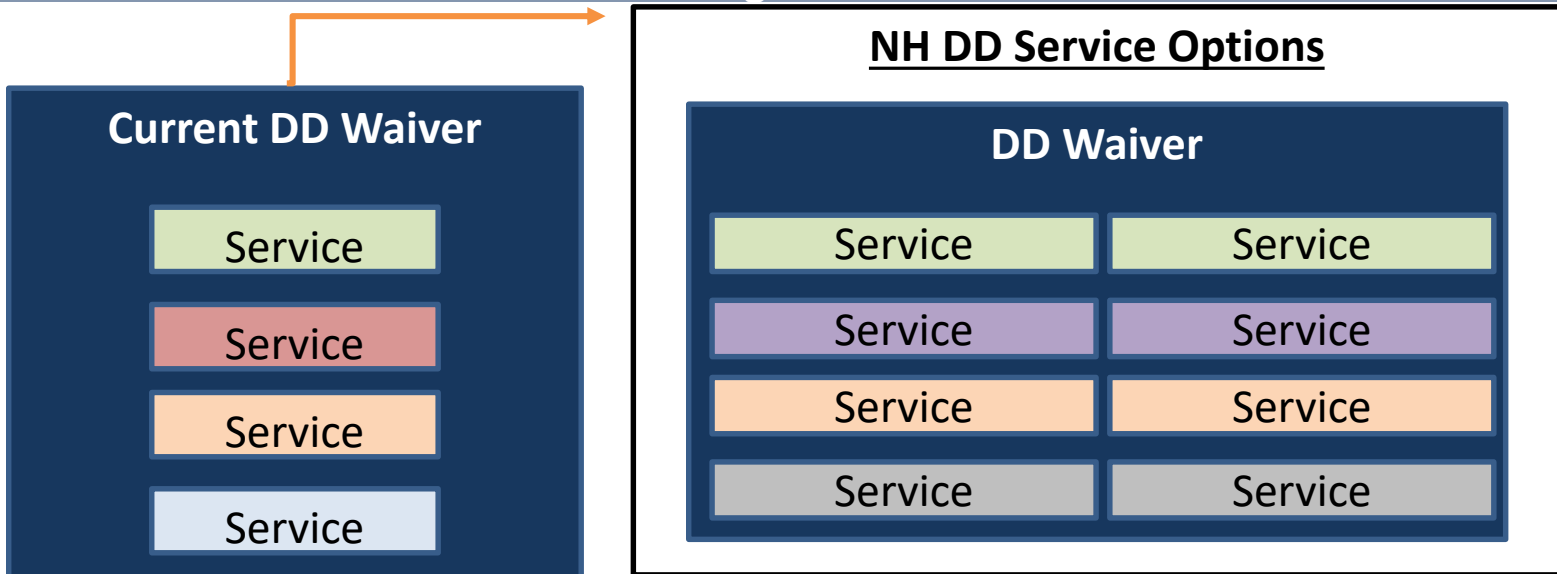
Our current waiver will be updated to include additional services and revised service definitions for existing services. State rules and guidance will also be updated, so that individuals, families, and providers have the information they need to plan.

Clearer, more distinct service definitions will promote equal access to services across the state. These new service definitions will support the development of rates that better align service delivery with service cost. Additionally, some new services will be added to the waiver that will improve the options available to individuals and families.

As a part of the service definition development process, the Department is working with stakeholders to refine how service planning, new service definitions, and an individual’s SIS assessment will work together to support individuals.

**As of May 2022, the Department is prioritizing enhancements to the existing DD waiver. Development of a new IFS waiver will occur after the DD waiver has been improved.**

### NH is building a new menu...





## What Led Us Here

- Stakeholders have identified that services may not be delivered with consistency.
- Updating the waiver provides an opportunity to create some new services and to better define current services to promote equal access.

## Intended Individual and Family Impact



➤ **The system will provide equal access to services.**

➤ **The waiver will have clear service definitions.**

➤ **Services will change. Some existing services will have new definitions and new services will be added.**

## Where Can I Learn More and Provide Feedback?

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/disability-care/developmental-services/bds-systems-work>

