



To pay for services for adults with developmental disabilities (DD), the State of New Hampshire (NH) operates the “DD Waiver.” The DD Waiver includes services with broad definitions. While this gives providers a lot of service flexibility, the broad definitions can make services inconsistent across the state. 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 operate two waivers for DD services moving forward - **the DD Waiver** and a new **Individual and Family Support Waiver**.



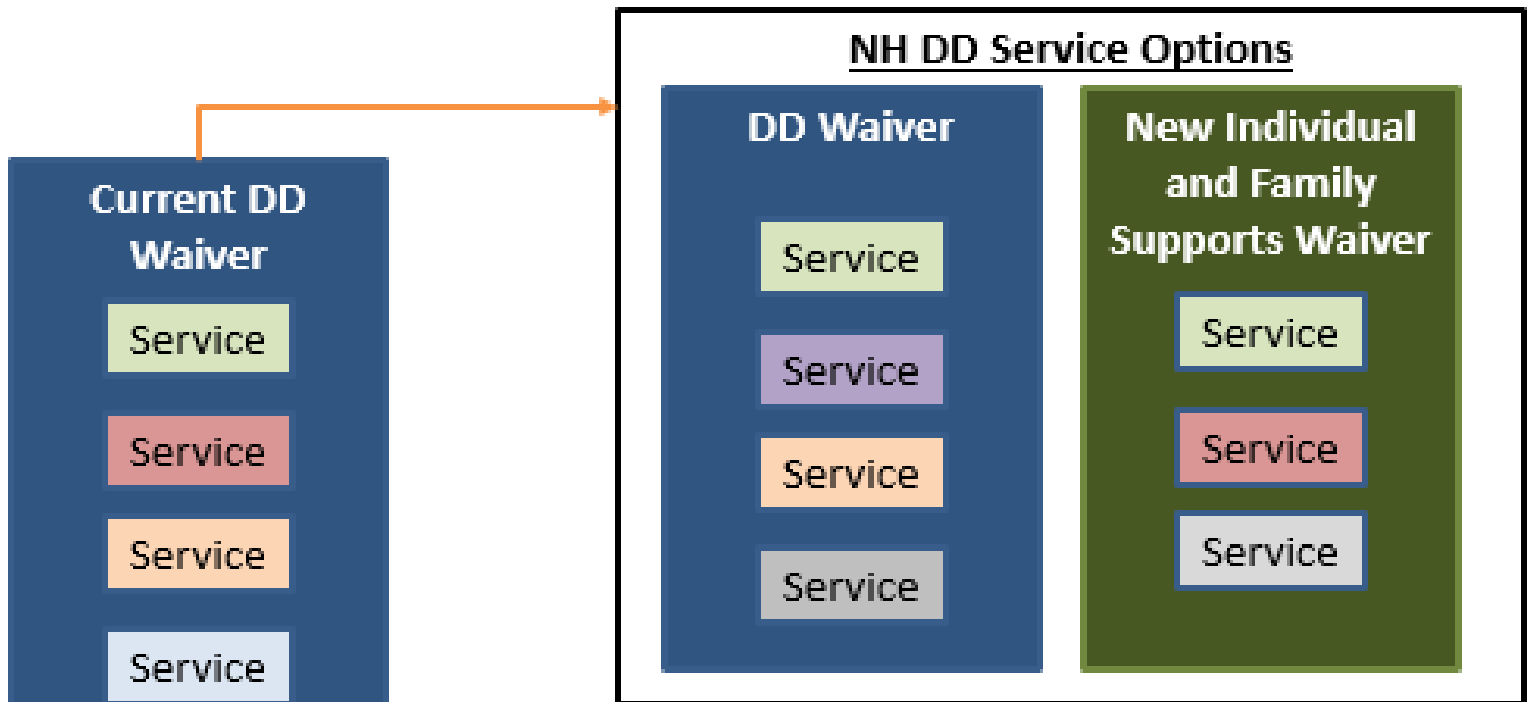
What Does Having a New Waiver Mean for People?

The two waivers will align the supports each person needs with available services. The Individual and Family Support (IFS) Waiver will include additional services but will not include 24/7 staffed residential services. People will be assigned to, or select, the waiver that best meets their needs.

The DD Waiver will likely continue to provide access to 24/7, staffed residential services for individuals. The IFS Waiver will be designed to support the person and their family to live as independently as possible in the community, focused on supporting the person to live in their own home. Some services, like Enhanced Family Care, may be included on both waivers.

While adding a second waiver is underway, as of February 2022, which services will be on each waiver is still being reviewed with stakeholders. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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What Led Us Here

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

Intended Individual and Family Impact



- **Waiver assignment will meet an individual's specific needs.**
- **The system will provide equal access to services.**
- **The waivers will have clear service definitions.**
- **Services will change. Some existing services will have new definitions and new services will be added.**
- **People will be able to change between waivers when their needs change.**

Where Can I Learn More and Provide Feedback?

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/systems.htm>

