

DHHS FY 16/17 Budget Initiative: HCBS Waiver for Disabled and Autistic

Section 21 Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

The Home and Community Based Benefit (HCB or Benefit) for members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorders gives members eligible for this Benefit the option to live in their own home or in another home in the community thus “waiving” institutional services.

- The Benefit supplements—rather than replaces—personal, family, work, and community relationships and complements.
- To be eligible for this Benefit, members must meet medical and financial eligibility requirements and there must be a funded opening.
- Benefits include an array of residential, employment and community supports.

GOAL: To address the longstanding waitlist for services for persons with significant needs

Priority level	High-level Criteria	# Currently on Waitlist (As of 12/14)
Priority 1	In need of adult protective services	15*
Priority 2	At risk for abuse in absence of benefit services	387*
Priority 3	Living in unsafe or unhealthy circumstances	622
Total Waitlist		1,024

*Members who have been offered waiver and have not responded to the offer are included in these counts.

Initiative

This initiative provides funding to increase the allocation to Section 21 Home and Community Based Waiver for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Disorder. Due to the complexity of the services and the intensity of the needs for those currently on the waitlist, the Department does not anticipate being able to add all members in the first year. We are seeking amounts in each year that reasonably represent the number of people who will likely begin receiving services in that year.

SFY 2016			SFY 2017		
General Fund	Federal Fund	Provider Tax	General Fund	Federal Fund	Provider Tax
\$18,313,544	\$35,168,984	\$2,814,870	\$22,751,187	\$44,101,977	\$3,518,588

Impact

- This initiative would fund services for people who are currently on the waitlist to receive services in FY15 through the Section 21 HCBS waiver. This initiative would also continue services in FY16.
- Providers who work with this population will see an increase in the numbers of people served.