

Waiver Program Redesign Plan Progress Report – July 31, 2019

The 2019 Implementing Bill (Section 26, Chapter 2019-116, Laws of Florida) directed the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) in conjunction with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to develop a plan to redesign the waiver program and submit the plan to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by September 30, 2019. The bill further directs APD to provide monthly reports to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on plan progress and development. This document is the first of those reports.

The actions taken to date by the agencies are listed below:

- The agencies have held more than a dozen joint meetings to discuss the development of the redesign plan.
- The agencies have reviewed the history of the Waiver program
- The agencies are conducting extensive statistical analysis of Waiver expenditures, service rates and service utilization
- The agencies are researching Waiver programs in other states and conducting conference calls with states of interest, including: Arizona, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin
- The agencies have conducted a public meeting (July 17) to receive stakeholder and advocate input on the redesign of the Waiver

All of the possible components for a redesigned Waiver program are being reviewed for their effects on budget predictability, delivery of core services essential to client health and safety, flexibility to respond to individual client needs and the potential:

- Impact on clients
- Impact on service delivery
- Impact on service providers
- Impact on other state agencies
- Impact on Waiver expenditures
- Legislation or rules needed to implement
- Federal approval needed to implement
- Time required to implement