

## Overview

The Maryland Department of Health's Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Waiver Advisory Council was created to bring together people who have used Medicaid waiver home and community-based services, as well as other interested groups. The goal is to help improve the DDA-operated Medicaid waiver home and community-based services programs. The **Waiver Advisory Council** gives advice and ideas to the DDA to help make services better.

## What the Council Does

The Council provides input on important areas such as:

- How DDA-operated Medicaid waiver programs are designed.
- How services are delivered and accessed by people.
- Federal rules that the DDA must follow.
- Improving access to Medicaid services (**Access Rule**).
- Strategies to make sure services continue to improve.



## Who Is Part of the Council?

The Waiver Advisory Council includes people who have used DDA services, like current or past participants and self-advocates. Other members include family members, DDA providers, advocacy groups and representatives from different Maryland agencies.

## How the Council Works

The Council meets every two months in person, with a virtual option using Google Meet. Meetings are open to the public, and anyone can attend. Agendas and meeting details are shared before each meeting. The Council follows a process where every voice matters, and everyone works together to find solutions.

Please see the **Waiver Council Advisory Charter** for more information.



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