



Developmental Disabilities Administration

Waiver Amendments 2025:

Waiver Application Overview and Input Process

June 17, 2025



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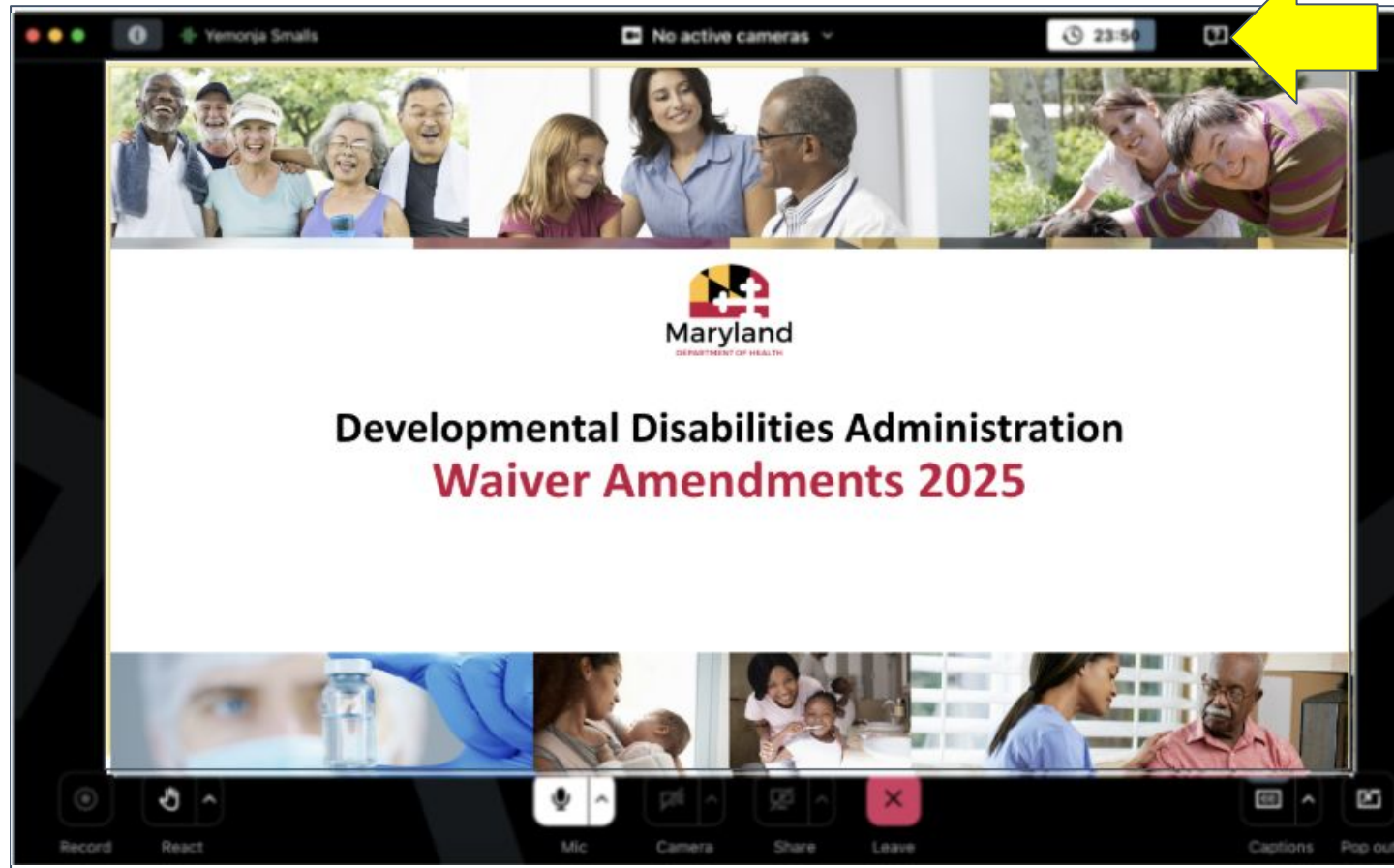
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Opening

Agenda

- DDA-Operated Medicaid Waivers Overview
- Budget Bill and Program Challenges
- Waiver Application Overview and Organization
- Public Input

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DDA-Operated Medicaid Waivers Overview

Current DDA-Operated Medicaid Waivers

The Developmental Disabilities Administration administers the following 1915 (c) Medicaid waiver programs on behalf of the Department:

Family Supports Waiver	Community Supports Waiver	Community Pathways Waiver
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children birth to 21 years• Various Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and adults• Meaningful Day and Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and adults• Meaningful Day, Support, and Residential Services
Enrollment: 288	Enrollment: 3,389	Enrollment: 14,361

Enrollment data as of April 15, 2025

Meaningful Day Services

- Employment Services
- Career Exploration
- Supported Employment
- Community Development Services
- Day Habilitation
- Medical Day Care

Note: Meaningful Day services are currently only available in the Community Supports and Community Pathways program.

Support Services

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Assistive Technology● Behavioral Support Services (Behavioral Assessment, Behavior Support Plan, Behavioral Consultation, Brief Support Implementation Services)● Environmental Assessment● Environmental Modification● Family and Peer Mentoring Supports● Family Caregiver Training and Advocacy Supports● Individual and Family Directed Goods and Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Housing Support Services● Live-in Caregiver● Nursing Support Services● Participant Education, Training, and Advocacy Supports● Personal Support Services● Remote Support Services● Respite Care (Daily, 15min, camp)● Support Broker Services● Transition Services● Transportation Services● Vehicle Modifications |
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Residential Services

- Community Living - Group Home
- Community Living - Enhanced Supports
- Shared Living
- Supported Living

Note: Residential services are currently only available in the Community Pathways program.

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Budget Bill and Program Challenges

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Bill (House Bill 350) and Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act 2025

The recently passed [Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Bill \(House Bill 350\)](#) and [Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act 2025](#) requires that the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) implement changes to assist MDH in its efforts to sustain its DDA-operated Medicaid waiver programs. These changes include caps or other limitations and actions on:

- Dedicated Hours Rates;
- Geographical Differential (Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties) Rates for Services;
- Day-to-Day Administrative Supports Services; and
- Individual and Family Directed Goods and Services

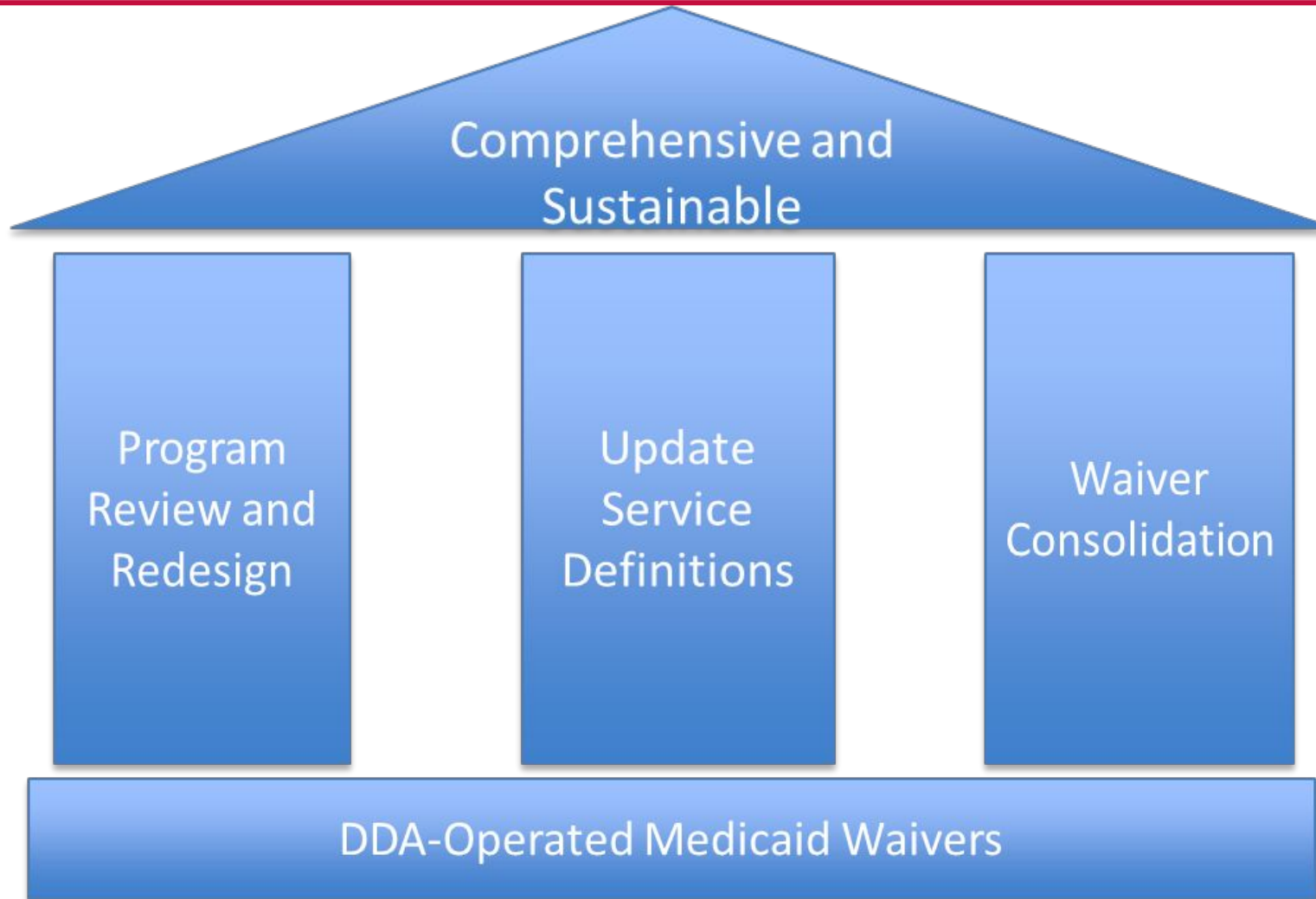
Address Challenges

- Operating three Medicaid waiver programs for individuals with developmental disabilities is not efficient, creates confusion among stakeholders, requires duplicative processes/reports, and impacts staff resources
- Individuals' needs that can no longer be met in their approved Medicaid waiver program have to disenroll from that program and complete a new waiver application process to receive services
- New applications and delays in processing impact enrollment and access to services to support health and safety needs
- Sustainability of programs

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Amendment Overview

Amendment Vision: Comprehensive and Sustainable Medicaid Waiver Program



Amendment Purpose

- Streamline and enhance service delivery by merging the waivers into a single, comprehensive program — the Community Pathways Waiver
 - **All participants will have access to the full array of support services, meaningful day services, and residential services, based on assessed needs. This will improve efficiency, ensure equitable access, provide a more person-centered approach to supports, and increase timely access to services.**

Amendment Purpose

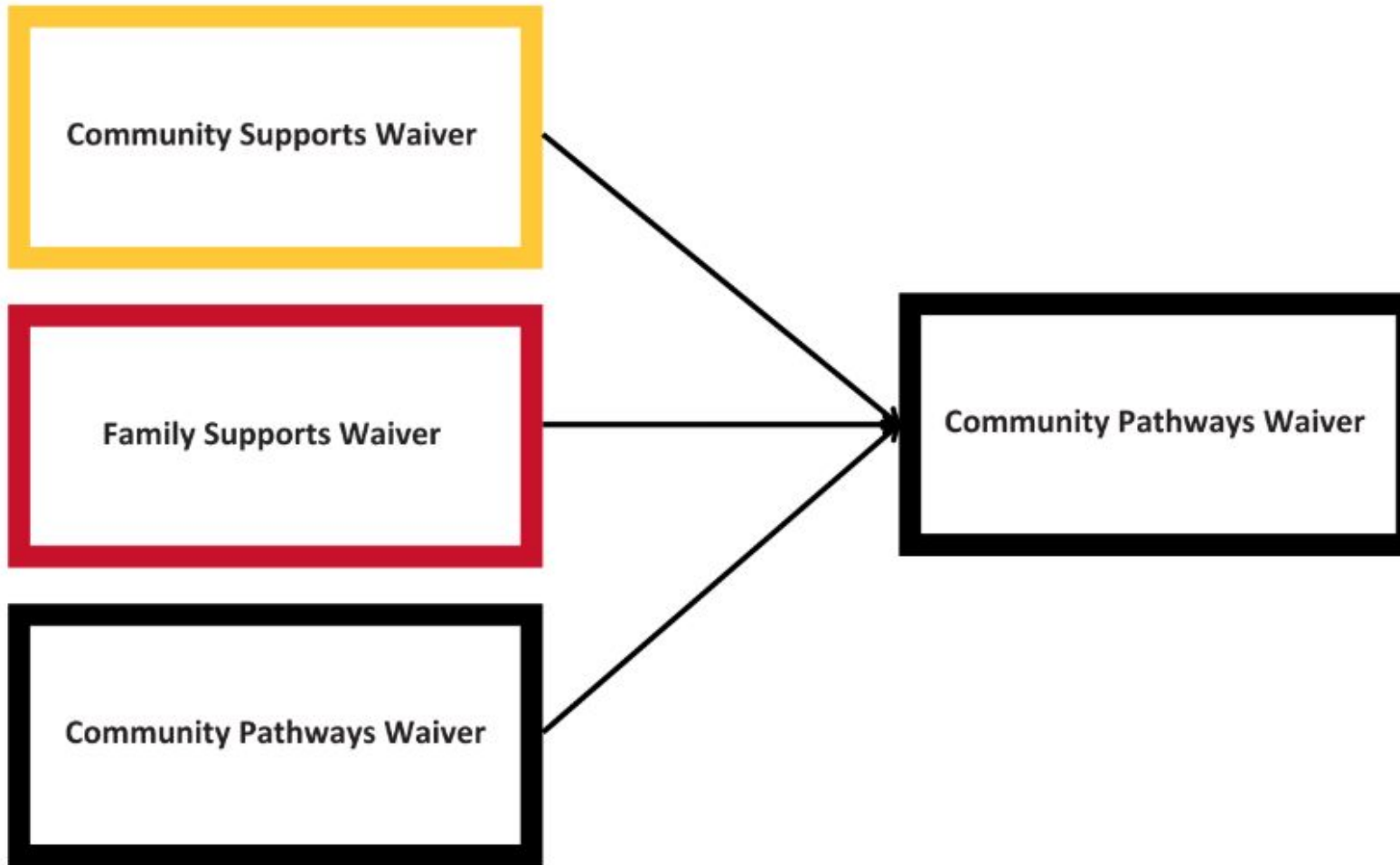
- Ensure greater transparency
- Streamlined service delivery
- Ensure funding is outcome-driven and sustainable
- Meet federal assurances
- Reinforce regulatory compliance within the Medicaid waiver program

Amendment Purpose

- Incorporate and clarify program standards and requirements

This includes in-person health, welfare and service monitoring visits. It also includes incorporating policy standards such as meaningful day services, training, and competitive integrated employment requirements.

Consolidated Waiver - Beginning October 6, 2025



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Waiver Appendices

Waiver Organization

Appendix A - Waiver Administration and Operation

Appendix B - Participant Access and Eligibility

Appendix C - Participant Services

Appendix D - Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery

Appendix E - Participant Direction of Services

Appendix F - Participant Rights

Appendix G - Participant Safeguards

Appendix H - Systems Improvement

Appendix I - Financial Accountability

Appendix J - Cost Neutrality Demonstration

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Stakeholder Engagement and Public Comment

Stakeholder Engagements

- Stakeholder Amendment Overview Webinar: June 16, 2025
- Stakeholder Amendment Webinar Reviews:
 - [Waiver Application Overview and Input Process](#) - June 17, 2025 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.
 - [Self-Direction](#) - June 17, 2025 from 12 - 1:30 p.m.
 - [Services and Provider Qualifications](#) - June 17, 2025 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Formal Public Comment Period: June 9, 2025 - July 8, 2025

Public Comment Process

- The official public comment period is from June 9, 2025 - July 8, 2025.
- Track change documents regarding the amendment proposals are on: [DDA Waiver Program website page](#)
- Public comments can be:
 - Submitted to wfb.dda@maryland.gov; or
 - Mailed to: DDA Federal Programs at 201 West Preston Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore MD 21201
- To be considered, all public comments must be submitted by **11:59 PM on July 8, 2025.**

Questions

