

Acquired Brain Disorder Waiver Listening Sessions

Waiver Renewal Process

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services requests your input as the Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) begins the **Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) Waiver** renewal process. Every five years, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that the states renew their Home and Community-Based Services 1915(c) waivers.

The renewal process is lengthy and includes collaborative meetings with a wide range of stakeholders to gather input on the waiver. BDS is working with the Institute on Disability (IOD) to deliver four listening sessions statewide. BDS encourages people to participate in the listening sessions noted below or to provide input by email or mail. Sharing what has worked and what areas need attention will help inform waiver changes in the application that will be available for public comment in early 2021.

Acquired Brain Disorder Information

The **Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) Waiver** provides Community Participation Services, Respite, Service Coordination, Supported Employment Services, Assistive Technology Support Services, Community Support Services (CSS), Crisis Response Services, Environmental and Vehicle Modification Services, Residential Habilitation/Personal Care Services, Specialty Services, and Wellness Coaching to New Hampshire's eligible participants with an acquired brain disorder. PDMS services are provided in accordance with He-M 525 and traditional services are provided in accordance with He-M 521, He-M 522, He-M 1001, and He-M 507. The rules can be found here:

http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/he-m500.html

The intent of the provision of the following services is to assist people to remain living, working and participating within their community versus receiving care in an institution. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) are intended to provide a comprehensive system of supports and services in order to ensure the health, welfare and safety of individuals. In addition, waiver services are intended to maximize participants' autonomy by encouraging choices about their life as well as enjoying meaningful relationships and both accessing and actively participating in all aspects of community life. The current ABD waiver (11/1/2016) includes the following covered services:

Community Participation Services	Crisis Response Services
Respite	Environmental & Vehicle Modification Services
Service Coordination	Residential Habilitation/Personal Care Services
Supported Employment Services	Specialty Services

Assistive Technology Support Services	Wellness Coaching
Community Support Services	Participant Directed and Managed Services

To view the current Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) Waiver visit this link: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/documents/abdwaiver.pdf>

Requests for a hard copy of the current Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) Waiver should be submitted by email or phone to:

Ms. Jessica Kennedy
Jessica.Kennedy@dhhs.nh.gov
Phone: 603-271-5034

A hard copy of the current ABD Waiver can also be picked up, with prior notice, at BDS, which is located at:

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS)
Main Building
105 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Due to COVID-19 all listening sessions will be held remotely using a call in option or video conferencing (Zoom)

There are several ways to give your input to BDS:

- Attend one of the four (4) listening sessions held on the dates noted below. At the listening sessions, you can provide verbal or written comments.
- Email comments to DLTSSWaiverRenewal@dhhs.nh.gov or mail written comments to:

Ms. Jessica Kennedy
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
Attn: *ABD Waiver Renewal Input*
105 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

The four listening sessions are as follows: Registration is required.

DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2020

TIME: 1-3 pm

Zoom link: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/91799395729>

Call-In Option: Dial: +1 646 876 9923, Meeting ID: 917 9939 5729

DATE: Monday, September 14, 2020

TIME: 5-7 pm

Zoom link: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/93785723202>

Call-In Option: Dial: +1 301 715 8592, Meeting ID: 937 8572 3202

DATE: Tuesday, September 22, 2020

TIME: 9-11 am

Zoom link: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/99182214903>

Call-In Option: Dial: +1 301 715 8592, Meeting ID: 991 8221 4903

DATE: Thursday, September 24, 2020

TIME: 2-4 pm

Zoom link: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/91263455839>

Call-In Option: Dial: +1 646 876 9923, Meeting ID: 912 6345 5839

Accommodations

If accommodations are needed for communication access such as interpreters, CART (captioning), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact Linda Bimbo at Linda.Bimbo@unh.edu as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to accommodate needs identified with advance notice.

Stay Informed

There will be further opportunities to provide additional stakeholder feedback and public comment on the waiver prior to submission to CMS. BDS, working with the IOD, will also provide public notice of formal public comment sessions in early 2021.

All information regarding the Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) Waiver renewal process is on the DHHS web site at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/> under “Quick Links.” BDS will update this website throughout the listening sessions, public comment, and CMS renewal submission process. The NH Bureau of Developmental Services Page is <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/index.htm>.