

**Department of Human Services
Health Services Committee
Senator Lee, Chairman
July 26, 2018**

Chairman Lee and members of the Health Services Committee, I am Tina Bay, Director of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Division of the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to provide information about DD initiatives and the rate payment methodology.

DD Initiatives

The DD division is currently in the process of drafting the renewal of the DD traditional home and community based services (HCBS) waiver. This waiver, which has the capacity to serve 5,680 people, expires on March 31, 2019. To continue providing these HCBS services, the waiver must be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) no later than January 1, 2019. The division hosted public meetings in May and June to gather feedback from stakeholders. Changes that will better address the needs of clients with significant medical needs and those transitioning from an institution are being considered, along with the comments from the public meetings. Prior to the waiver being submitted to CMS, a public comment period will be available.

Additionally, the DD division and other divisions within the Department continue to look at solutions to address the gaps in services identified in the technical assistance report. As mentioned in previous hearings, consideration is being given to the creation of a children's waiver, changes to eligibility and additional services being added to existing waivers.

DD Rate Payment Methodology

The steering committee has had two meetings since the April 1, 2018 implementation. At the request of the steering committee, two sub-committees, one for quality measures and the other for outliers, will meet prior to the August meeting. The purpose of the quality measures sub-committee is to develop a quality measure that will track employment services. The outlier sub-committee will look at the outlier denials to determine if it is appropriate to make recommendations to change the current criteria. Attached is an updated summary of the outlier activity.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Outlier Summary	2018		2018	
	(Jan-Feb)		(Feb - Jun 8th)	
	#'s	%'s	#'s	%'s
Total Requests Received	324		146	
Individuals Reviewed	244		76	
Total Requests Reviewed	324	100.0%	129	88.4%
DD Division Approved	161	49.7%	58	39.7%
DD Division Denied	163	50.3%	64	43.8%
In progress	0	0.0%	24	16.4%
**From Feb and ongoing, each service being requested is tracked as a separate line (request). Jan-Feb count was by request form.				
Behavioral	Total		Total	
Physical Aggression	185		90	
Self Injurious Behavior	89		63	
Inappropriate Sexual Behavior	156		56	
Elopement	129		75	
Criminal Activity	76		42	
Medical	Total		Total	
Uncontrolled Seizure Disorder	52		14	
Respiratory	23		6	
Gastrointestinal	26		8	
Genitourinary	15		6	
Infection	11		6	
Special Considerations	68		56	
Note: One request may include multiple reasons. Adding up the totals for Behavioral or Medical individual qualifiers will not equal to the total requests received.				
Number of DD Providers	33		34	
Number of DD Providers Who Did Not Ask for Any Outliers	10	30.3%	16	47.1%
Number of DD Providers Who Did Ask for Outliers	23	69.7%	18	52.9%
Denial Reasons				
No new information	3			
Incomplete - in context	15			
Frequency	3			
Intensity	5			
*Frequency & Intensity	14			
Inconsistent Info	10			
New SIS score (appropriate hours)	3			
Hours meet provided schedule	15			
Doesn't meet criteria (Conditions being presented)	20			
Data may be duplicated on one service denial with multiple reasons.				