Supports waivers are designed to complement unpaid supports that are provided to individuals with IDD by family and other natural supports.

Over the past 10 plus years, a number of states launched supports waivers to address the cost and demand for service by individuals with IDD.

Approximately 30 states have supports waivers.

The average cost per person in comprehensive waivers is substantially higher than supports waivers.
HCBS Medicaid Supports Waivers Are Characterized By

1. A low budget cap that is authorized by waiver participants

2. Flexibility in the selection of services and supports within the budget cap

3. The expectation that unpaid family caregivers will provide significant support
CENTRAL REGISTRY AND WAITING LIST
• 6,317 individuals on the central registry as of 1/18/19
• 4,988 individuals on the waiting list (353 on hold and 4,635 awaiting allocation)
• 3,149 individuals enrolled on the traditional waiver in FY19 compared to 3,306 in FY18
• 1,509 individuals enrolled on the Mi Via waiver in FY19 compared to 1,461 in FY18
• Average waiting time increased to 13.3 years in FY19 up from 12.5 in FY 18 and 10.2 in FY16
Age Breakdown of Individuals on the NM DD Waiver Wait List as January 24, 2019

- Age 18-25, 1581, 32%
- Age 26-35, 932, 19%
- Age 36-45, 251, 5%
- Age 46-55, 221, 4%
- Age 56-65, 163, 3%
- Age 6-17, 1677, 34%
- Age 0-8, 70, 1%
- Age Over 65, 95, 2%
Waiver Expenditures

- The Mi Vi Waiver is costing more and more people are receiving services since FY12.
- The traditional DD Waiver is costing more and fewer people are receiving services since FY12.
- Waiver expenditures are based on paid claims only.

Data Source: HSD Client Count Reports
Projected average cost per person for the DDW in FY19 is $92,209 and Mi Via is approximately $65,000.
Why Consider a Supports Waiver

Developing a supports waiver is a directive from the governor

Recommendation from SM20 to address the waiving list

Included in the DDSD 2015 Strategic Plan

Supports waivers typically cost less, DDSD could address the waiting list

Making changes to the existing DDW to address cost has been challenging

Opportunity to change the service model to address the age groups on the central registry

Shift cultural belief that comprehensive waiver is the only answer

Opportunity to focus on individuals transitioning out of high school ("school to work to independence pipeline")

Without doing something different, DDSD will not be able to address the people waiting for services.
More than 20 states are currently operating one or more supports waivers. Additional states are exploring the development of supports waivers.

Examples of Services Provided in a Supports Waiver

- Personal assistance
- Day services outside of the home
- Supported employment
- Ancillary services (therapies, etc.)
- Behavior supports
- Respite
- Home modifications
- Adaptive aids
# Examples of Budget Limits in Other States

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TEAMWORK
Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.

Helen Keller

KEEP CALM
CAUSE TOGETHER
WE CAN DO IT