

Introduction

Utah's Physical Disabilities 1915 (c) Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver is set to expire on June 30, 2026. In order to continue operations of this waiver, the Division of Integrated Healthcare (DIH), Office of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) acting as the State Medicaid Agency (SMA) is required to submit a renewal application no later than March 31, 2026 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The SMA is the single state agency that retains administrative authority of the HCBS Waivers.

In addition, the SMA will be submitting an renewal action early for the Limited Supports HCBS waiver. This program was set to expire on December 31, 2026. We are electing to take this action early in order to have the waiver program cycle match state fiscal years. (Currently aligns with calendar years).

Drafting Process

The Physical Disabilities and Limited Supports Waivers are operated by the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD). Program staff prepared an initial draft of the waiver in the fall of 2025. A workgroup comprised of waiver participants, the families of participants, advocates, providers and State staff convened to review the initial draft and provide input. A final draft was then created as a result of the feedback provided.

Public Input

Initial public input was sought by utilizing the workgroup process described above as well as additional public input in the following ways:

- Providing copies of the waiver applications and public comment opportunities to the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (UIHAB)
- Posting the draft online and providing a 30-day public comment period
- Reviewing and responding to comments after the 30-day public comment period and making decisions about further amending the waiver to incorporate additional comments received

The final drafts will be completed in March 2026. Final review, approval and submission of the waiver application will be completed by the State Medicaid Director.

Overview of Proposed Changes

Limited Supports Waiver

- Changes were made throughout the implementation plan to remove obsolete language and clarify intent
- Terminology/grammar has been corrected to reflect changes in agencies/provider designations throughout the document
- Services
 - Removal of adult Autism services as this is now a state plan benefit for all traditional Medicaid recipients
 - Addition of session-based respite to facilitate respite camps

Physical Disabilities Waiver

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Full copies of the implementation plan, this summary, and a link to submit comments electronically can be found at: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/ltc-2/>

Questions and comments about the draft waiver application are welcome and can be submitted to:

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