

Statewide Certified Community Residential Services and Supports Provider Meeting

August 27, 2025

Thank you to all who were able to participate in our recent statewide provider meeting. Below you will find requested and additional information from presenters.

Housekeeping

Subcontracting

By the terms of your DSHS contract, you cannot subcontract DSPs or ISS work. If you are in need of emergency support for a client, please reach to your RM. There may be other avenues of support and reimbursing for that support, that DDCS can identify.

Enforcement Action Letters

There have been some questions about letters that are sent out after a provider receives notice of some kind of enforcement action by RCS. These letters notifying clients/families are required by client rights WAC.

Reference: [388-823-1095](#)(7)(e)

Subleasing form

The July 1st updates to [Policy 4.02](#) included documentation of subleased housing. Translation of new forms is complete, and the forms are posted online here:

- [DSHS 02-758](#) Renter's Attestation
- [DSHS 02-759](#) Provider's Attestation

The process is similar to requirements for documentation of provider-owned housing, but no exception-to-policy (ETP) is required. This is documentation only and is designed to ensure that clients are made aware of their rights when in a provider-controlled setting, such as subleased housing.

Updated attestations are due every June 30th and before a new client moves into the subleased home. Your resource manager may reach out to you if this was identified in the biannual review of leases.

FA/PBSP Trainings

Trainings for all regions are found here: [Provider Training Opportunities | DSHS](#)

DDCS is creating additional policy level and administrative oversight trainings. Please look for future GovDelivery messages.

NAR Applications

Processing applications is several months behind. Recommend getting them in sooner than later. Additionally, please make sure the email address is *very* legible if your submission is hand-written.

If you want to check on an application, contact Sherri Stratton: Sherri.Stratton@doh.wa.gov

Transition Survey Data

Please review the attached PDF: *TCM Unsuccessful Transition Review 2025-08*

You can reach out to Holly Glasgow: holly.glasgow@dshs.wa.gov

Staff and Family Consultation

Please review the attached PDF: *Staff and Family Consultation 2025-08*

Care Coordination

If you are serving anyone between 18-20 (not 21 yet), care coordination can help with dental services. Please note: this can be difficult if sedation is needed.

If the client is 21 or older, there dental supports are not available through care coordination. You can access a list of Medicaid dental providers here: <https://dentistlink.org/>

MyWABenefits

Login with SAW account: <https://mywabenefits.wa.gov/login>

This site will link in applications to multiple benefit types, status, interviews, follow-ups all in one spot.

Please bring your questions to the next statewide provider meeting – this will be a standing topic at each meeting.

Reorganization and Federal Budget Impacts

Please review the attached PDFs: *DSHS HR1 Impacts* and *Impact of HR1 on Medicaid in Washington State*

Reorganization

DDA is now the Developmental Disabilities Community Services Division (DDCS). The workforce at DDCS headquarters was reduced by 59 positions. There will be additional shuffling of job duties and personnel. New organizational charts will be out soon. Since DDCS is a division and DDA was an administration, there will be changes to some job titles accordingly. Please reach out to the person you connected with before – we will continue to support you as people are moved around.

Federal Budget Impacts

Changes to the federal budget will more significantly impact people who receive services from economic services administration, rather than DDCS. Washington State currently anticipates approximately 300,000 people will be impacted by Medicaid cuts.

People who are designated as modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) or expansion are significantly impacted. DDCS only has 908 clients who are MAGI (only 144 of those are adults). These individuals will face changes to work or community engagement (volunteer) requirements.

- How to mitigate impacts for MAGI
 - The federal government allows states to define "medically fragile."
 - Washington State will consider everyone in HCLA as medically fragile, which will exempt them from work/volunteer requirements.
 - This will be a six-month review instead of annual review for Medicaid eligibility.

Important note: The federal budget bill doesn't change *who* can be eligible or reductions in services or who can get onto waiver. Once you are eligible, you can receive all the same services as people on the waiver before. However, details may change in the future, especially as some impacts won't even take effect for several years.

Guardianship

Please review the attached PDF: *DDCS Durable Power of Attorney FAQs for Providers 2025*

DDCS [Policy 5.26](#), *Guardianship & Protective Arrangements*, describes guardianship and protective arrangements, application considerations, and addresses changes in RCW. State law emphasizes looking first at less restrictive arrangements before considering legal guardianship. Additionally, the policy outlines how case managers handle court orders and letters, the escalation process to petition, and modifying or terminating guardianship, as DDCS takes the lead in this internal process.

If you are looking for a professional guardian, please check the statewide certified guardianship portal from the Office of Public Guardianship: [Washington State Courts - Guardianship Portal](#)

Each region has guardianship coordinators who assist case managers with the escalation process.

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