

Overview of Draft OPWDD 1915 (c) HCBS Waiver Renewal Effective October 1, 2024

How to use Webex

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**Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities**

**Overview of Draft OPWDD 1915(c)
Comprehensive Home and
Community-Based Services (HCBS)
Waiver Renewal
Effective October 1, 2024**

January 24, 2024

Purpose of Today's Session. . .

- Review draft October 1, 2024 Waiver Renewal of the OPWDD 1915(c) Comprehensive Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver
- Help stakeholders focus their review on the sections of the Waiver that are most important to them

Today's Topics

Where Can I Find the Waiver?

- OPWDD Website
- OPWDD Regional Offices

Public Comment

- When is the Comment Period?
- How Can I Submit My Comments?

What is the Waiver?

- Waiver Renewal
- How is the Application Organized?

Overview of Changes

- Programmatic & Administrative
- Quality
- Fiscal

Where Can I Find the Waiver?

OPWDD Website

- The draft October 1, 2024 Waiver Renewal is available on the OPWDD website at: [Home and Community Based Services Waiver | Office for People With Developmental Disabilities \(ny.gov\)](#)

OPWDD Regional Field Offices

- Hard copies of the draft October 1, 2024 Waiver Renewal are available at all 14 OPWDD Developmental Disabilities Regional Field Office (DDRFO) locations throughout the state.



OPWDD Regional Field Offices

- **Finger Lakes DDRFO**, 620 Westfall Road/ Suite 326, Rochester, NY 14620
- **Western NY DDRFO**, 1200 East & West Rd., Building 16, West Seneca, NY 14224
- **Broome DDRFO**, 249 Glenwood Road, Binghamton, NY 13905
- **Central NY DDRFO**, 187 Northern Concourse, North Syracuse, NY 13212
- **Sunmount DDRFO**, 2445 State Route 30, Tupper Lake, NY 12986
- **Capital District DDRFO**, 500 Balltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12304
- **Hudson Valley DDRFO**, 9 Wilbur Road, Thiells, NY 10984
- **Taconic DDRFO**, 38 Firemens Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
- **Bernard Fineson DDRFO**, 80-45 Winchester Boulevard, Building 80, 2nd Floor Administrative Suite, Queens Village, NY 11427
- **Metro NY DDRFO/ Bronx**, 2400 Halsey St., Bronx, NY 10461
- **Brooklyn DDRFO**, 750 Vandalia Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11239
- **Metro NY DDRFO/ Manhattan**, 25 Beaver Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10004
- **Staten Island DDRFO**, 930 Willowbrook Rd., Staten Island, NY 10314
- **Long Island DDRFO**, 415-A Oser Ave., Hauppauge, NY 11788



Public Comment

When is the Comment Period?

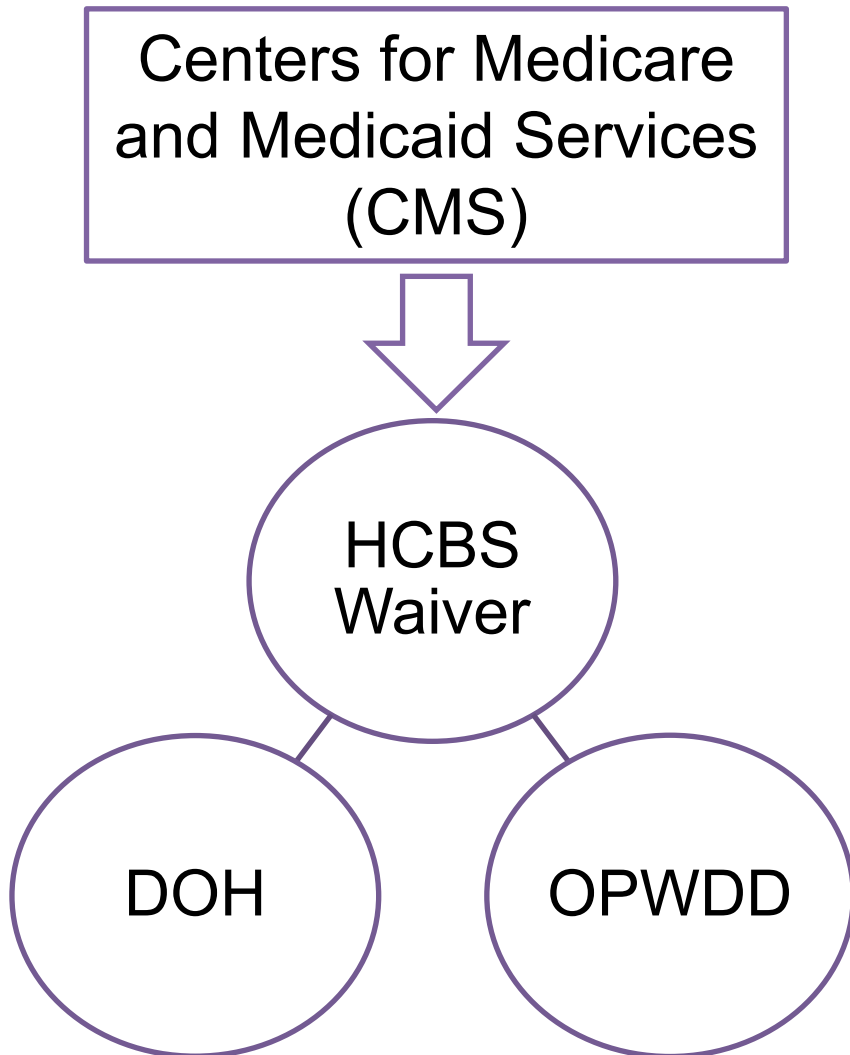
- The draft October 1, 2024 Waiver Renewal was posted on OPWDD's website on January 24, 2024.
- Written comments accepted through February 26, 2024.

How Can I Submit My Comments?

- By Mail: OPWDD, Division of Policy and Program Development, 44 Holland Ave, Albany, NY 12229.
- Email: Peoplefirstwaiver@opwdd.ny.gov



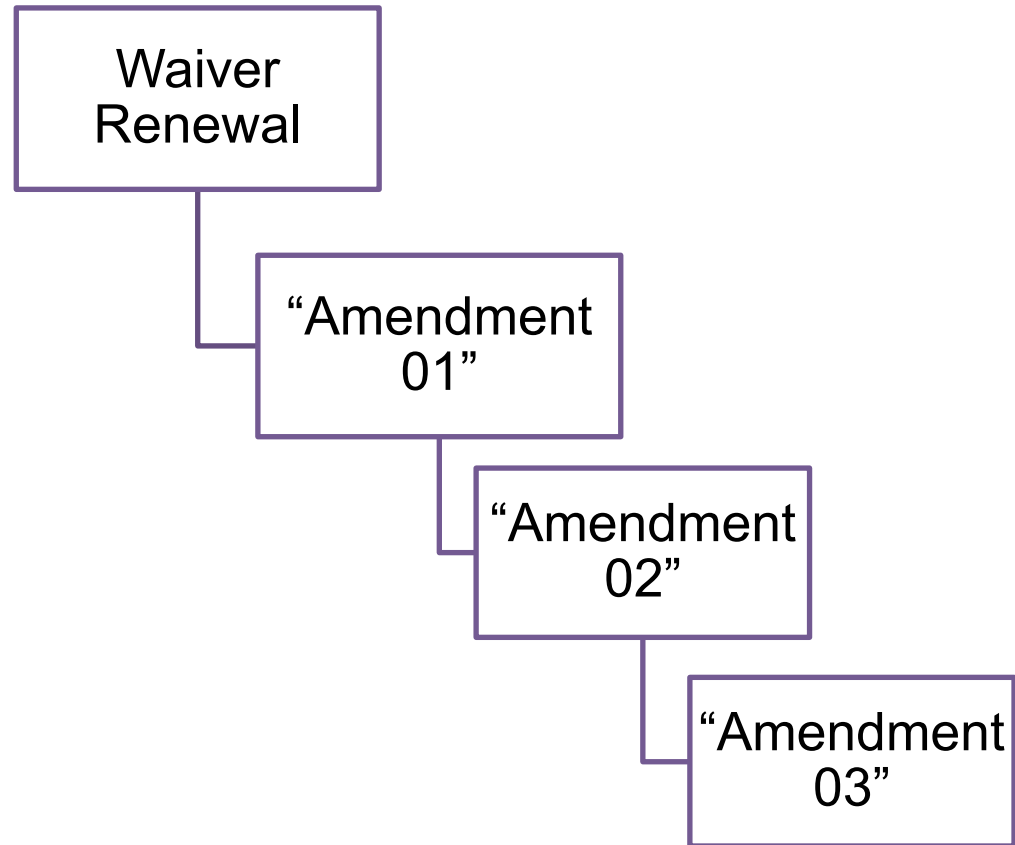
What is the Waiver?



- New York State (NYS) authority to provide HCBS to people with Developmental Disabilities
- Collaboration of work between OPWDD and DOH for submission to CMS for approval

Why?

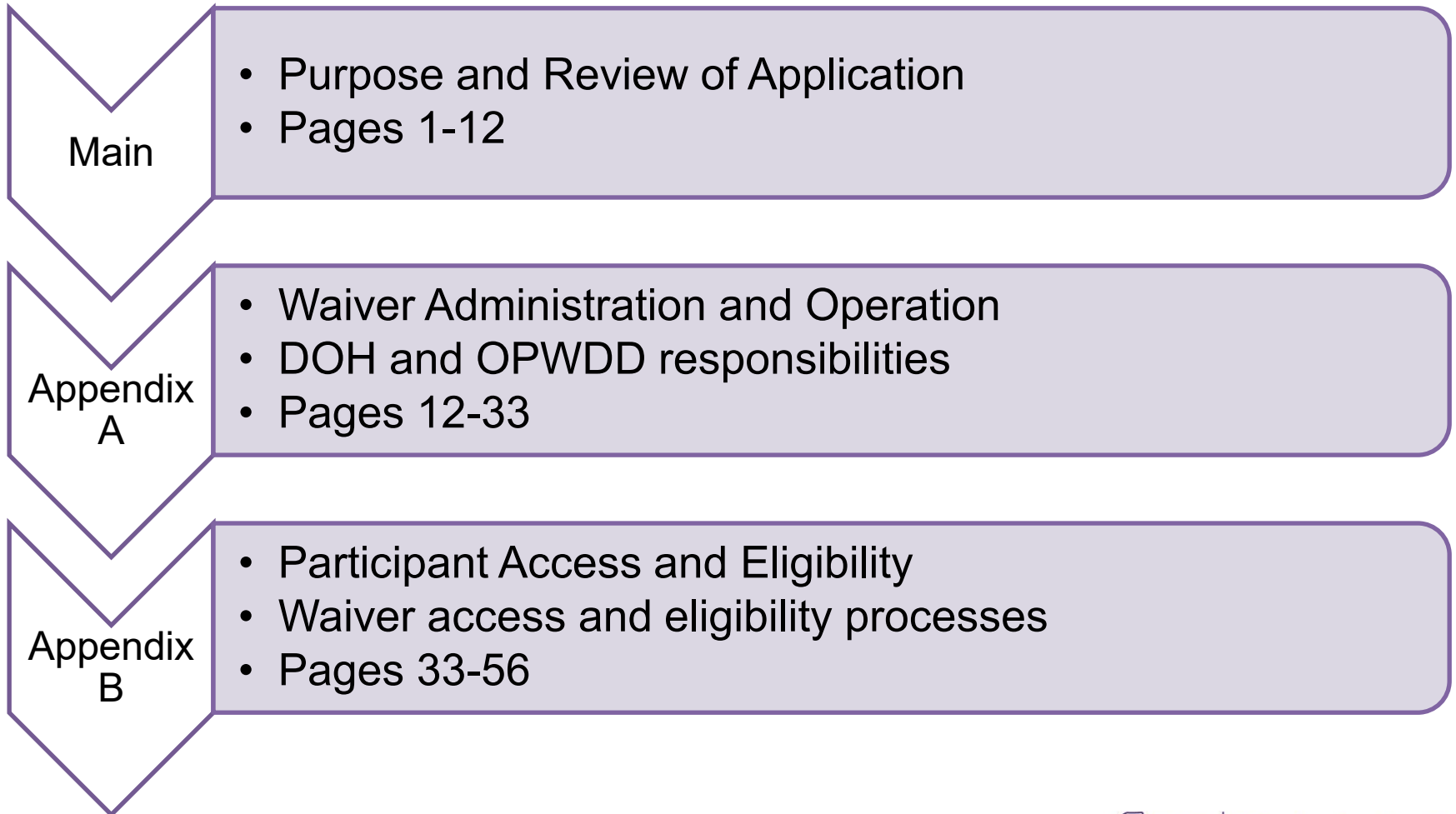
- Every 5 years NYS submits a Waiver Renewal application to CMS.
- Edits made to an existing Renewal application are called “amendments.”
- The first edit to a Waiver Renewal would be called “Amendment 01.”



Effective Date?

Proposed effective date
of this Waiver Renewal
is October 1, 2024.

How is the Waiver organized?



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Appendix C

- Participant Services
- Service descriptions including service limits and provider qualifications
- Pages 56-167

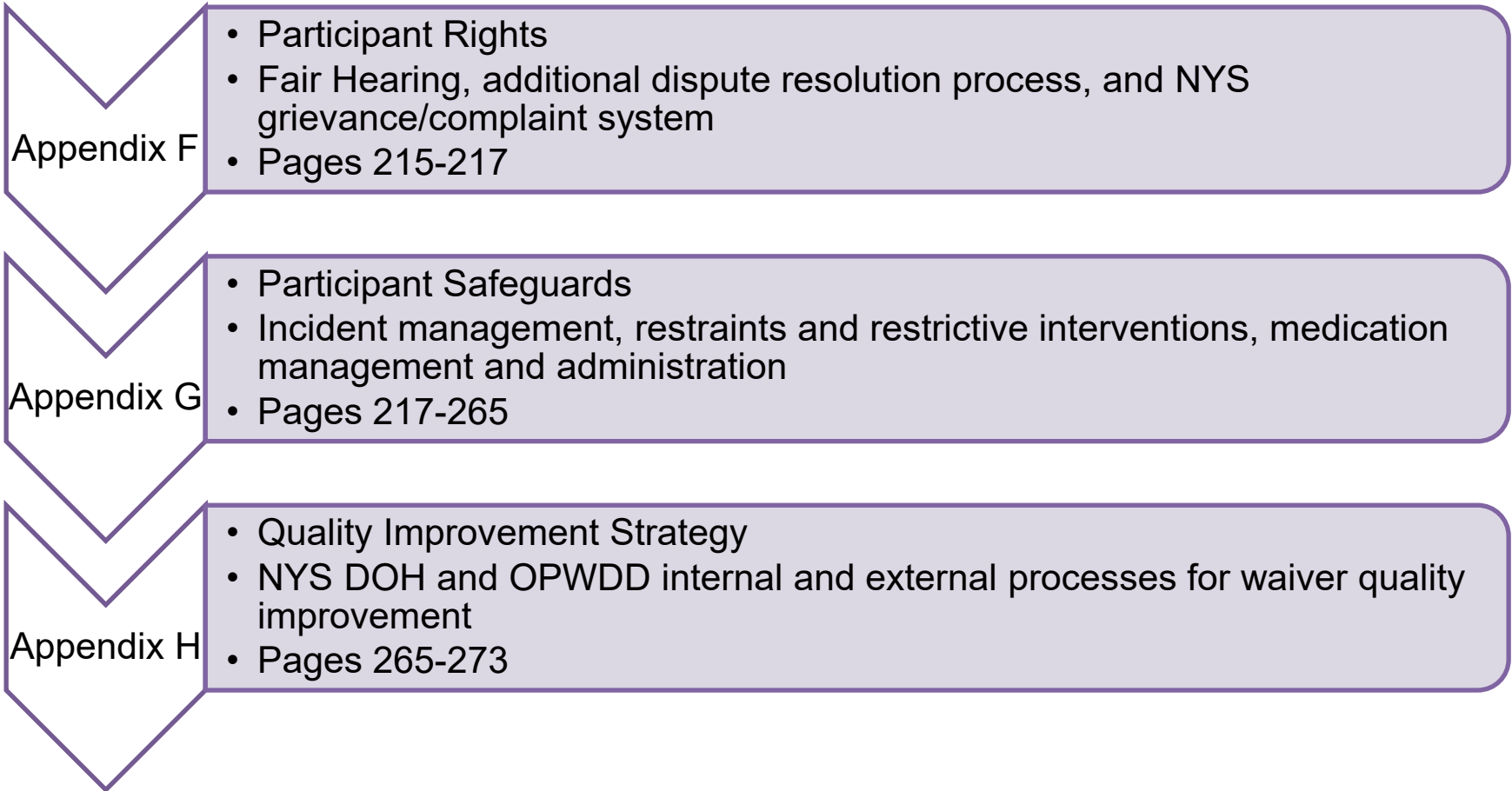
Appendix D

- Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery
- Care Management
- Pages 167-198

Appendix E

- Participant Direction of Services
- Self-Direction
- Pages 198-214

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Appendix I

- Financial Accountability
- Waiver audit procedures
- Pages 273-297

Appendix J

- Cost-Neutrality Demonstration
- Fiscal projections for Fee-For-Service and Managed Care throughout the five-year waiver period 2024-2029
- Pages 297-320

Addendum A

- Rate methodology language for waiver services
- Pages 321-374
- Methodology attachments Addendum A.2, A.3
- Pages 375-378

Overview of Changes

Programmatic & Administrative Changes



Administrative Changes

Inclusion of 1915(b)(4) waiver authority:

- **Home-Enabling Supports**: Inclusion of 1915(b)(4) waiver authority, will allow for the selective contracting of qualified providers to deliver Home-Enabling Supports to eligible persons. The objective of selective contracting is to ensure:
 - Statewide coverage of a new service,
 - Consistent service provision including ensuring State/Federal requirements for privacy are met.
- Draft Administrative Memorandum (ADM) will be published for public comment shortly.
- Page 3

Programmatic Changes

There are no changes related to services or service design.

Overview of Changes

Quality Changes



Quality Changes

Minor Technical Updates:

- **Technical Language Updates to Performance Measures:**

- Responsive to feedback received from CMS
- Strengthens and clarifies existing language to ensure compliance with waiver assurances and sub-assurances.
- Page 20, 24, 52, 149, 183, 192, 242, 245, 254, 256, 258

Quality Changes

New Performance Measure:

- Appendix B: Level of Care
 - Per CMS, a new measure addresses the completion of Level of Care evaluations for new Waiver enrollees.
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Quality Changes

New Performance Measures:

- Appendix C: Qualified Providers
 - Number & percent of agencies undergoing the Agency Review, where the agency verifies new employees receive training in principles of human growth & development (PHGD) within 3 months of initial employment
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 - Number & percent of agencies undergoing Agency Review, where agency verifies new employees receive training in characteristics of the persons served within 3 months of initial employment
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Fiscal Changes



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Minor Technical Updates:

- **Language**: Page 322, 324-326, 336, 342, 349, 351-352, 359, 361-362
 - Revisions to ensure consistency with Intermediate Care Facility State Plan Amendment provisions
- **Appendix I**: Page 285, 290, 295
 - Minor changes pertaining to current fiscal reporting practices associated with financial accountability.
- **Addendum A**: Page 337, 344, 354, 364, 368
 - Minor technical changes with no fiscal impact for providers

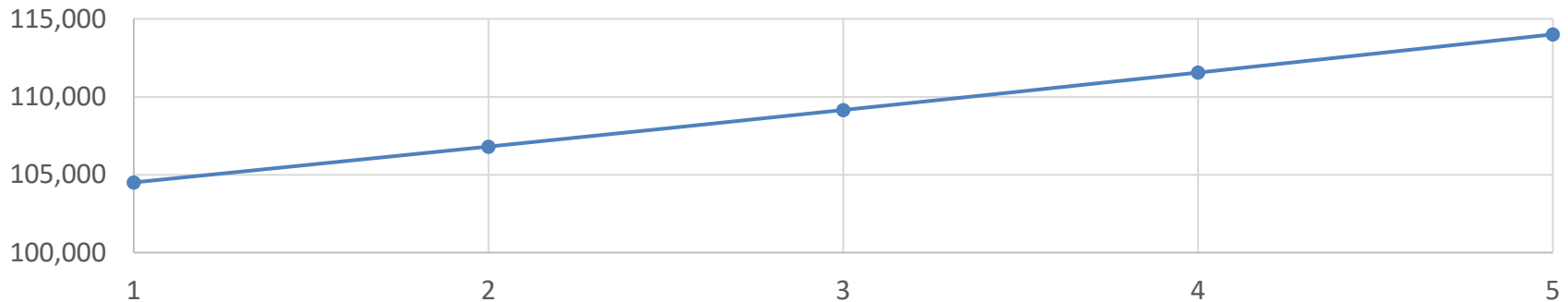
Fiscal Changes

Appendix J:

- **Updated Five-Year Fiscal Projections:**
 - Total unduplicated waiver participants
 - Service utilization
 - Cost neutrality

Projected Enrollment

Waiver Year 1 (2024-25) – Waiver Year 5 (2028-29)



- Patterns of normal service utilization growth have begun to re-emerge since the disruption that was experienced during the early stages of COVID-19.
- Heading into the next 5-year Waiver period, we anticipate a roughly 2 percent rate of annual service utilization growth, consistent with pre-COVID-19 activity.

Questions

A link to a recording of this presentation will be available on the OPWDD website at:

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/providers/home-and-community-based-services-waiver>

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