DD, ABD and IHS Waitlist Quarterly Report
Prepared for Health and Human Services Oversight Committee

Fiscal Year 2024, Quarter One

All requests on behalf of individuals seeking services through the Developmental Disabilities (DD), Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) and In Home Supports (IHS) Waivers for fiscal year (FY) 2024, quarter 1 (Q1) were funded.

Please note that the data utilized to prepare this report has changed due to the following:

- The utilization of the NH LEADS data system, historically used by the Area Agencies and the Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS), ceased at the end of FY 2023. Individuals in need of waiver services for FY 2024, Q1 were allocated funding through NH LEADS prior to its termination.
- As of 7/1/2023, Area Agencies began to use NH Easy to represent ongoing funding requests for new individuals.
- As of 7/1/2023, those requests formerly identified as a "c" or an "enhancement" no longer are placed on the Wait List. These requests are submitted to and reviewed by the Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) when individuals' needs are identified and are currently funded as the needs are requested.
- Due to the transfer to NH Easy, Area Agencies and service coordination agencies, in collaboration with BDS, focused efforts on ensuring that service authorizations were in place to enable service providers to offer timely services. The transfer of delay reason data from NH LEADS to NH Easy was not part of the initial IT system transfer, however, this data will be collected in NH Easy. We anticipate this data to be available starting Q3 2024.

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver

For FY24, Q1, funds were requested for 144 new individuals for DD Waiver services. BDS allocated funds for all 144 requests, represented as follows:

Status	Count	Percentage
a*	122	85%
b**	22	15%
Total	144	100%

Of the 144 individuals with an identified need to start services within Q1, 81 individuals started services and 63 individuals did not start services within Q1.

Status	Count	Percentage
Receiving Full/Partial Services	81	56%
Services have not begun	63	44%
Total	144	100%

* a: Individuals exiting school
** b: Individuals newly eligible to the developmental services system

In Home Supports (IHS) Waiver

For FY24, Q1, funds were requested for 6 new individuals for IHS Waiver services. BDS allocated funds for all 6 requests.

Of the 6 individuals with an identified need to start services within Q1, 4 individuals started services and 2 individuals did not start services within Q1.

Status	Count	Percentage
Receiving Full/Partial Services	4	67%
Services have not begun	2	33%
Total	6	100%

Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) Waiver

For FY24, Q1, funds were requested for 4 new individuals for ABD Waiver services. BDS allocated funds for all 4 requests.

Of the 4 individuals with an identified need to start services within Q1, 1 individual started services and 3 individuals did not start services within Q1.

Status	Count	Percentage
Receiving Full/Partial Services	1	25%
Services have not begun	3	75%
Total	4	100%

Waiver Service Start Delays

Service coordination entities have identified the primary factors that resulted in the delay of starting new services as limited provider capacity and workforce shortage. BDS continues to monitor timely service provision in partnership with the service coordination agencies and the Area Agencies.

In the interim, BDS facilitates weekly meetings with every enrolled service coordination agency in NH to ensure ongoing communication, review of service authorizations for individuals seeking waiver services, changes to waiver services and to review reasons for delays in services. BDS staff also hold bi-weekly meetings with all enrolled provider agencies to share information and resources. Individual provider meetings are scheduled when requested. A bi-weekly service coordination supervisor meeting is also facilitated by BDS to offer ongoing communication and information sharing.

Bureau of Developmental Services – Funding Waitlist

Through 09/30/2023 (Q1 2024)

