



Department of Health Care Services



2022 Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver Renewal

Discussion Questions

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Robust discussions among stakeholder representatives participating on the Technical Workgroup are critical in the development of proposed changes for the 2022 HCBA Waiver renewal that will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval. DHCS is providing the following list of questions to help stimulate discussion, but the list is not exhaustive and should not be viewed as the only questions that can be discussed or addressed through written comments.

1. What is working well in the current HCBA Waiver?
 - Is it possible to expand / leverage successful components of the HCBA Waiver? If so, what components and how would this best be achieved?
2. What are opportunities for improvements through the renewal of the HCBA Waiver?
3. Are there other factors (e.g., evidence-based practices and/or resources) DHCS should consider in the renewal of the HCBA Waiver?
4. How can DHCS improve California's overall HCBS strategy, across all Medi-Cal systems of care (e.g., fee-for-service, managed care.)?
 - How could DHCS support the “no wrong door” approach for beneficiaries seeking long-term services and supports in the community, instead of in an institution?
 - What can DHCS do to strengthen care coordination between case management providers responsible to, and for, a shared beneficiary?
 - Should DHCS move forward with integrating the Assisted Living Waiver into the HCBA waiver, either through this waiver renewal or through an amendment? If so, what factors should DHCS consider? If not, why?