



## Children’s Waiver Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Change to Day Habilitation Service Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question	Response
<b>How is Day Habilitation services changing in the Children’s Waiver?</b>	<p>Day Habilitation will no longer be a service in the Children’s Waiver starting January 1, 2026.</p> <p>Children/youth who have Day Habilitation will have until March 1, 2026 to move to Community Habilitation - a different HCBS service that is the same and can be provided in the home or community and not at an agency.</p> <p>If the child/youth still need services to assist them with daily living skills and supports, they can move to Community Habilitation.</p> <p>If child/youth does not still need this service, your child’s care manager will work to close your child from the service.</p>
<b>Why is this change being made?</b>	<p>Day Habilitation had to be provided at an agency program. The Children’s Waiver wants to do services in the home or community of the child/youth/family, to meet their needs and reach their goals.</p>
<b>What is Community Habilitation?</b>	<p>This service helps children/youth with skills to do things on their own and to be able to live in their community. Community Habilitation helps to build and use everyday skills. This service helps children/youth to use their skills to stay at home and in the community and not in an out of home placement. For more information on Community Habilitation: <a href="#">Community Habilitation</a></p>

<b>What does this mean for my child’s current services?</b>	If your child is in Day Habilitation, your child’s care manager will contact you to talk with you about this change and your child’s needs for services. If your child still has a need for this service, then your care manager will make a referral to a Community Habilitation provider.
<b>My child still needs help with learning life skills. Will they lose services?</b>	No, if your child still needs help with these skills, your care manager will make a referral to Children’s Waiver Community Habilitation.
<b>What if my child does not need help or want this service?</b>	If your child does not want the services anymore, your care manager can close your child’s case out from Day Habilitation and will not make a new referral for Community Habilitation.
<b>How long do I have to decide my child’s Day Habilitation needs?</b>	Day Habilitation will end by March 1, 2026. Your care manager will be working with you now and until March 1, 2026 to make a plan for the right services with you.
<b>Will this change impact my child’s eligibility?</b>	No. This change to Day Habilitation does not change Children’s Waiver eligibility. Talk with your care manager if you are worried.
<b>Are there any steps I need to take as a family/guardian?</b>	Talk with your care managers and let them know what you want.
<b>What if our current provider does not offer community habilitation?</b>	All Children’s Waiver Day Habilitation providers are also Community Habilitation providers. Talk with your care manager to move your child to the provider you want. Your Managed Care Plan can help you too.
<b>Can my child continue with the same staff during the transition?</b>	Maybe. Talk to your care manager and other providers to help you.
<b>Does this change impact any of the other services my child receives?</b>	No. Day Habilitation is the only service being changed in the Children’s Waiver.