

**Summary of the DDDS HCBS 1915(i) SPA - Pathways  
Proposed Effective Date July 1, 2019**

**Background**

Delaware has operated a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities continuously since 1987. Section 6086 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2007 (DRA) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 established and amended section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act to add an optional State Plan service that has many of the features of a Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waiver. Two notable differences from HCBS waivers are that a 1915(i) State Plan Amendment does not require individuals to meet an institutional level of care in order to qualify for HCBS and states are not permitted to limit participation in the program once an individual meets established eligibility criteria.

**Administration and Operation:** This section describes the administrative structure under which the benefit is operated.

No significant changes were made to this section.

**Number Served:** This section specifies the number of Medicaid beneficiaries that will be served.

The projected number of participants was updated.

**Financial Eligibility:** This section specifies information related to the eligibility group.

No significant changes were made to this section.

**Evaluation/Reevaluation of Eligibility:** This section specifies information related to determination of eligibility.

No significant changes were made to this section.

**Home and Community-Based Settings:** This section provides a description of the settings where individuals will reside and where individuals will receive HCBS.

No significant changes were made to this section.

**Person-Centered Planning & Service Delivery:** This section outlines the service plan development and service plan implementation and monitoring.

No significant changes were made to this section.

**Services:** This section specifies the services that are provided.

The name of the Employment Navigator service was changed to Employment Navigation. No changes to service provision were made.

**Participant Direction of Services:** This section addresses how the amendment affords participants the opportunity to direct some or all of their benefit services.

No significant changes were made to this section.

**Quality Improvement Strategy:** Description of Quality Improvement Strategy (QIS).

The frequency for data aggregation for some of the performance measures was updated.

Performance measures were also added related to program eligibility.

**Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates:** This section provides a description of the methods employed to ensure the integrity of payments made for services.

No significant changes were made to this section.

**Groups Covered:** This section describes optional groups covered.

No significant changes were made to this section.

No other significant changes were made to the amendment.