



2026 Federal Agency Priorities for the CCD Long Term Supports and Services Task Force

The [Long Term Services and Supports \(LTSS\) Task Force](#) addresses the services and supports that enable individuals with disabilities of all ages to live in their own homes and communities, known as Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). HCBS, which are primarily provided through Medicaid, are necessary for community integration, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for many people with disabilities and older adults, and make it possible for them to fully exercise their civil and human rights.

Commitment to Anti-Racism and Equity

The CCD LTSS Task Force considers the equity impact of any administrative proposal we support, in accordance with the Task Force's anti-racism principles and objectives. Data collection, analysis, and publicly transparent reporting are critical to monitoring and measuring access to HCBS for all individuals, including those living at the intersection of multiple marginalized identities.

The Task Force federal agency priorities include:

- *Monitor Implementation of “Medical Frailty” and other exemptions to Medicaid work requirements and restrictions on the state’s ability to raise revenue and adequately fund HCBS.*
- *Collaborate with CMS regarding implementation of 1915(c)(11) level of care waivers*
- *Implement Regulations and Guidance to Improve HCBS Transparency and Access: Collaborate with HHS, states, and community partners to implement the finalized Medicaid Access Rule.*
- *Promote Community Integration: Monitor guidance and waivers that would increase reliance on institutional placements and encourage CMS and HHS to support states to expand robust, fully integrated HCBS.*

- *Increase Equity in Access to HCBS*: Promote robust application of regulations and guidance that ensures LTSS is delivered in the most integrated setting, free from discrimination.
- *Workforce*: Develop strategies to address workforce shortages in Medicaid HCBS programs.

The LTSS Task Force strives to inform policies and practices that impact Medicaid long term services and supports. Please reach out to the co-chairs for more information.

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