

Include, Respect, I Self-Direct (IRIS) Waiver Renewal Input Session



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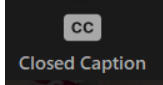


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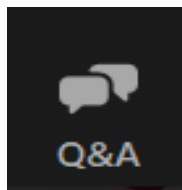
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- Your feedback will not be shared or posted to the website.

Information About Today's Webinar

Everyone is currently muted. You will be able to unmute yourself later in the session.



You can submit your comments and questions using the Q&A.

Goals for Today

- Describe the IRIS program and waiver renewal
- Hear your ideas for improving the IRIS program
- Share other ways for you to get involved in the waiver renewal

Getting to Know DHS

- The Department of Health Services (DHS) is a state government agency.
- Our mission is to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Wisconsin.
- DHS oversees the IRIS program and its waiver renewal.

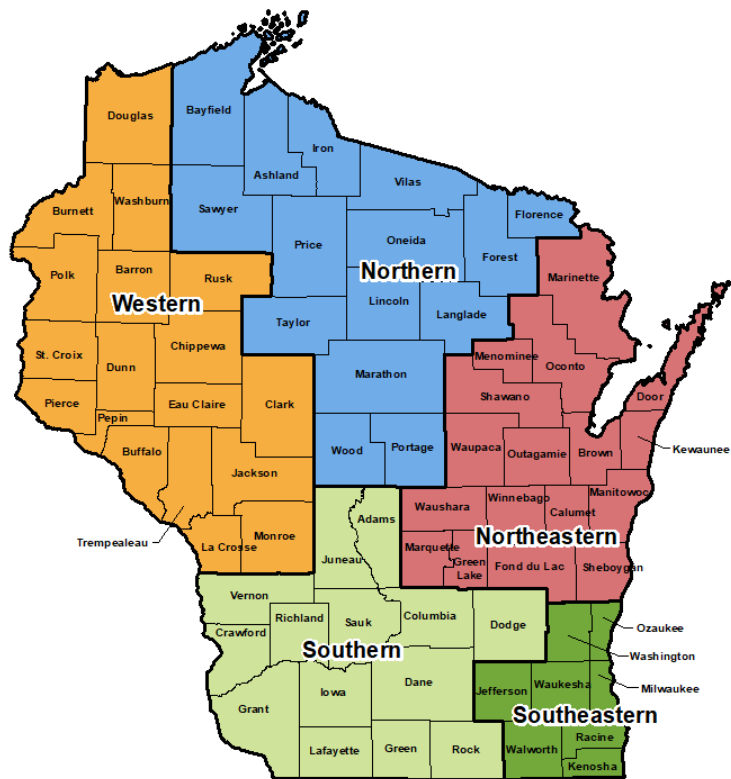
Getting to Know You

I am a:

- IRIS participant
- Family or friend
- Caregiver or provider
- Fiscal Employer Agent (FEA) or IRIS Consultant Agency (ICA)
- Advocate
- Other partner

Getting to Know You

What part of Wisconsin are you from?



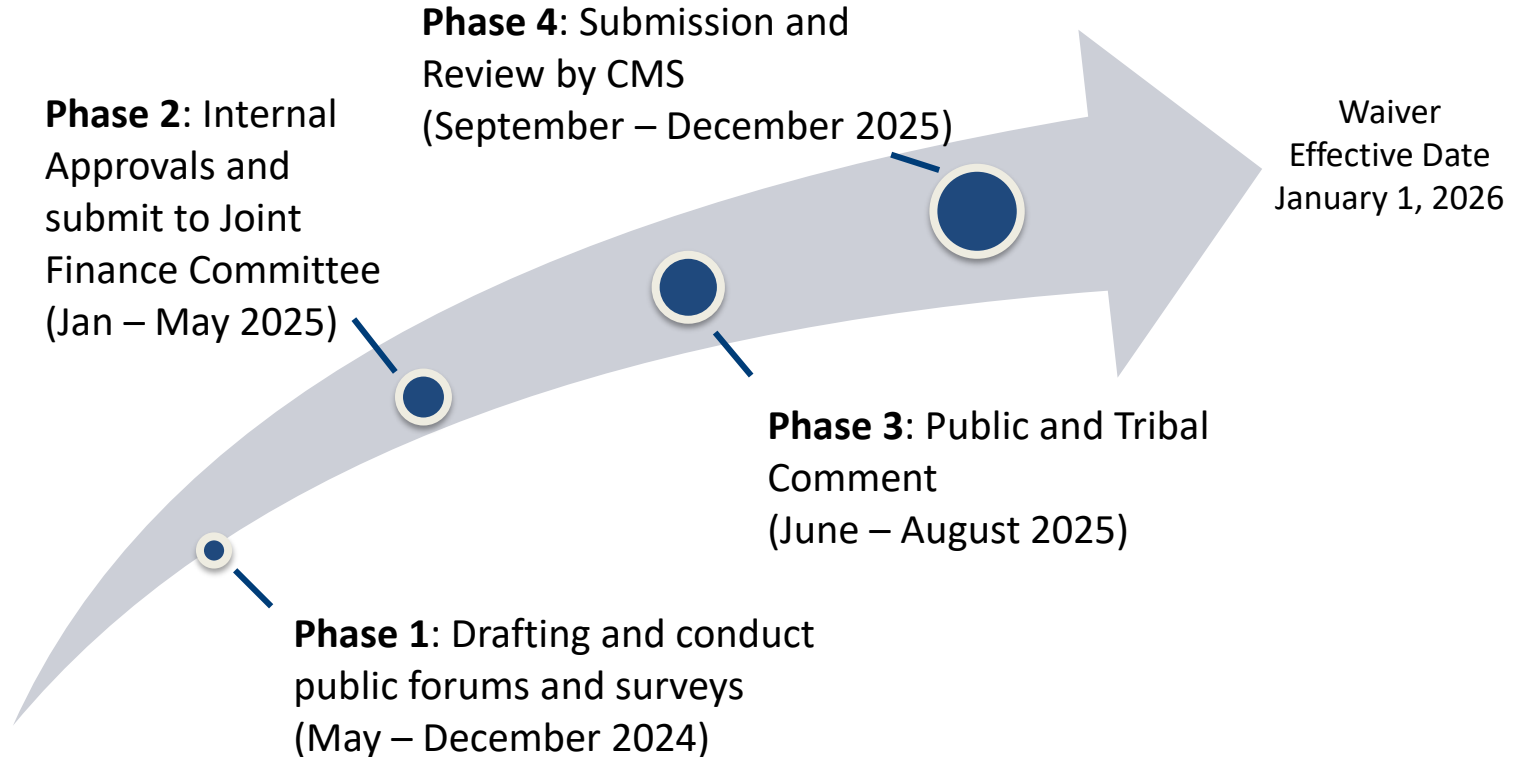
Getting to Know IRIS

- The IRIS program is a self-directed Medicaid long-term care program for adults with disabilities and people over 65.
- Long-term care helps people with daily tasks and activities.
- The goal is to help participants utilize services they need to live in their homes and communities when possible.

What is a Medicaid Waiver?

- A Medicaid waiver is a set of rules that allows DHS to have Medicaid programs like the IRIS program.
- The IRIS Medicaid waiver funds services to help participants successfully live and receive care in their community.

Waiver Renewal Timeline



IRIS Waiver Renewal

- The IRIS program is renewed every five years.
 - Recent renewal: January 2021 - December 2025
 - Next renewal: January 2026 - December 2030
- DHS will spend the next year and a half updating our waiver for 2026.
- This is our chance to improve the IRIS program.

Goals of the Waiver Renewal

To draft a waiver renewal application that:

- Addresses recent program and policy changes.
- Supports participant choice, self-determination, and access to high quality services.
- Uses cost-effective solutions.

Once approved, the waiver will impact the program from 2026 through 2030.

What Can We Change with the Waiver Renewal?

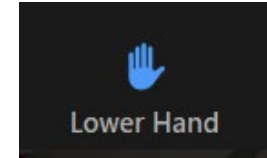
Changes we can make	Changes we can't make
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Which services are covered▪ What existing services include▪ Required provider qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Changes that are not allowed by state or federal law

How Your Ideas Will Help

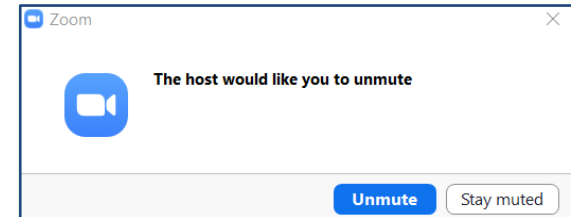
DHS will now be requesting your feedback and ideas. This will help us write a waiver renewal application that meets the needs of IRIS participants.

How to Share Your Feedback

- Click the raise hand button if you would like to provide verbal feedback. The button will turn blue if your hand is raised.
- DHS will turn your microphone on when it is your turn to speak. You will get a message to unmute yourself.
- DHS will allow up to 3 minutes for each verbal comment.

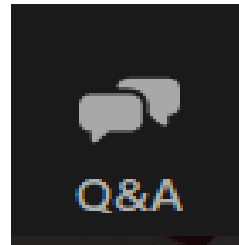


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Submit Your Feedback in the Q&A

You can also type your comments, questions, and feedback in the Q&A function at any time.



We Want to Hear from You

DHS wants your feedback and ideas:

- What is working well in the IRIS program?
- How can we improve the IRIS program?
- If added to the IRIS program, what new services would be helpful?
- How could the IRIS program better reflect your culture, background, and values?

Question 1

What is working well in the IRIS program?

For example: Services, remaining active in the community, achieving goals, self-direction, etc.

Question 2

How can we improve the IRIS program?

For example: Services, caregiver or provider access, program assistance, etc.

Question 3

If added to the IRIS program, what new services would be helpful?

For example: Services to help you successfully live, work, and receive care in your home and community.

Question 4

How could the IRIS program better reflect your culture, background, and values?

Want to Learn More?

Visit us online:

dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/waiver-renewal.htm

Thank You!

