

All in for Kids

Empowering Families Through the Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program

All in For Kids is a newsletter created to keep you and your family informed about the supports and services available through the CLTS Waiver Program. The newsletter is published by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.



INTRODUCING THE ALL IN FOR KIDS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Keeping you informed about children's services

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is pleased to share All in for Kids, a newsletter designed to keep you and your family informed about the CLTS Waiver Program. It offers a way to learn more about the CLTS program, its policies, and other news. The newsletter will be published on an as-needed basis and posted to the [Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program: Information for Families](#) webpage.

Deciding Together Guide helps your child live their best life

DHS recently released the [Deciding Together Guide](#), a decision-making tool to help you and your CLTS team talk through your child's goals and outcomes and identify which services and

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supports may help your child live their best life at home and in the community.

The five-step guide outlines a team approach that includes your family's support people. By combining the knowledge you have about your child with the information your support and service coordinator (SSC) has about available resources and services in the community, you are able to develop a personal plan that works for your family.

You and your child are encouraged to voice your thoughts, concerns, and ideas at every step to help develop the Individual Service Plan (ISP). The ISP is the unique plan of supports and services for your child and family.

The Deciding Together Guide helps make the ISP decision-making process clear and open to everyone. This protocol should be used with each ISP review, including ongoing needs and during formal plan review touchpoints. Your SSC may have begun using this process with you this year. If not, you should expect to see this protocol with your SSC in 2020.

Waiver providers now get copies of the ISP outcomes page

Your SSC will now be sharing the ISP outcomes page with providers who deliver regular, direct care to your child. This helps your child's providers learn more about how each service contributes toward your child's goals.

Statewide rate setting and what it means for you

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services required DHS to change how rates (the amounts paid to providers) are set for certain CLTS program services.

DHS has developed standard rates that are now being used statewide. Before the DHS standard rates were put in place, rates paid to providers were worked out between county waiver agencies and providers. The new standard rates allow for fair and consistent reimbursements everywhere in Wisconsin.

The new rates will not change your child's CLTS Waiver Program eligibility or benefits.

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NEED HELP?

- Talk to your local support and service coordinator for more information or to answer questions.
- You have the right to formally appeal a decision regarding supports and services. To do so, you may file an appeal with the [Division of Hearings and Appeals](#).

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Your SSC has been informed of these changes and began using the new rates as of July 1, 2019. If there are changes to your parental payment liability fee, your SSC will contact you.

For more information on rate-setting, see the [Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program Service Rates Initiative](#) webpage.

DID YOU KNOW?

DHS is continuing the process of eliminating the waitlist for CLTS Waiver Program services. As of October 31, 2019, 10,092 children were enrolled in the CLTS Waiver Program! If someone you know is interested in providing caregiving or other services, refer them to the Children's Long-Term Support Providers Registry webpage.

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The CLTS Waiver Program makes Medicaid funding available to support children with substantial limitations due to developmental, physical, or severe emotional disabilities who are living at home or in the community. Funding may be used to support a range of services based on an assessment of your child's and family's specific needs and identified goals or outcomes.

For more information, visit the [Services for Children With Delays or Disabilities](#) webpage. For help with translation of this newsletter, call the Bureau of Children's Services at 608-266-8560.

