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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1405

**DATE:** August 1, 2014

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Case Management Providers, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers.

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Release of HCBS Waiver Slots

The 2014 legislature appropriated an increase of \$6 million through House File 2463 to fund additional payment slots in order to reduce the HCBS waiver waiting lists. The department projects that 2,350 waiver slots may be released throughout SFY15. This is based on the following assumptions:

- Of the slots released, 50 percent will have individuals ultimately enroll and receive waiver services. This assumption is based on historical trends: due to individuals applying for more than one waiver; applicants that have moved out of state or cannot be found; individuals whose conditions have improved such that waiver services are no longer needed; and deceased individuals.
- The projection uses the SFY14 costs per waiver enrollee, plus a two percent inflation factor to estimate the SFY15 cost per enrollee.
- The release of payment slots will begin in August 2014 and continue throughout the fiscal year 2015. Slots will be dispersed at a rate of 50 per week in order to minimize the impact to case managers and DHS service workers, as well as to ensure waiver provider capacity is available to serve new enrollees.

The waiting lists for all waivers were combined and the applicants will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis according to the date of the application. The disbursement of payment slots will begin in August 2014 and continue until all slots are released. The projected distribution of payment slots across the various waivers is as follows:

Waiver	Slots Released	New Enrollees
Health & Disability	852	426
Physical Disability	741	371
Brain Injury	301	151
Children's Mental Health	456	228
	<b>2,350</b>	<b>1,176</b>

The updated Slot and Waiting List Information is posted monthly on the [Home and Community Based Waivers](#)<sup>1</sup> DHS webpage. Please submit any questions regarding this information to [waiverslot@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:waiverslot@dhs.state.ia.us).

<sup>1</sup> <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hcbs/waivers>