



## Disability Waiver Financial Management & Waiting Lists

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## Background

- This report details county and tribal agency management of the four disability waiver programs and waiting lists.
  - Developmental Disabilities (DD)
  - Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI)
  - Community Alternative Care (CAC)
  - Brain Injury (BI)

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## Background

- Minnesota manages aggregate disability waiver costs through lead agency-managed budgets.
- Agencies manage two budgets: DD Waiver expenditures alone and CADI, CAC, and BI waiver authorizations collectively.
- Additional funding and legislative authority has led to elimination or significant reductions in waiver waiting lists.

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## Improved Financial Management

- Recent legislative changes have enabled DHS & lead agencies to better serve Minnesota:
  - **Statewide Management:** 2013 statute allows DHS to transfer funding between counties to meet service needs when local funding is insufficient
  - **Lead Agency Collaboration:** Developing corrective action plans with counties, instead of recouping funds, when agency budgets are exceeded
  - **Clear Expectations:** 2015 statute directs lead agencies to use 97% of waiver budgets if they have a waiting list
  - **Enrollment Cap Expiration:** Statutory limits on CADI Waiver enrollment expired in 2015; no limits exist for the BI and CAC waivers

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## CADI, CAC, & BI Waivers

- DHS transferred CADI, CAC, & BI funding between lead agencies 29 times during FY 2017
- Lead agencies used more available funds to serve people on CADI, CAC, & BI waivers
  - 97% of available funds were used; up from 95% the previous year
- CADI Waiver waiting list eliminated since October 1, 2016

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## DD Waiver

- DHS transferred DD Waiver funding between lead agencies 34 times during CY 2016
- 94% of available funds were used; up from 93% the previous year
- Average time on the DD Waiver waiting list: 79 days
- 89 people were on the DD Waiver waiting list (as of 1/1/18)
- Measuring success using reasonable pace standards, rather than referring to a waiting list

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