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DHS Waiver Request Update  
Long-Term Care Reform  
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**New Home and Community Based System:** People get the right services at the right time

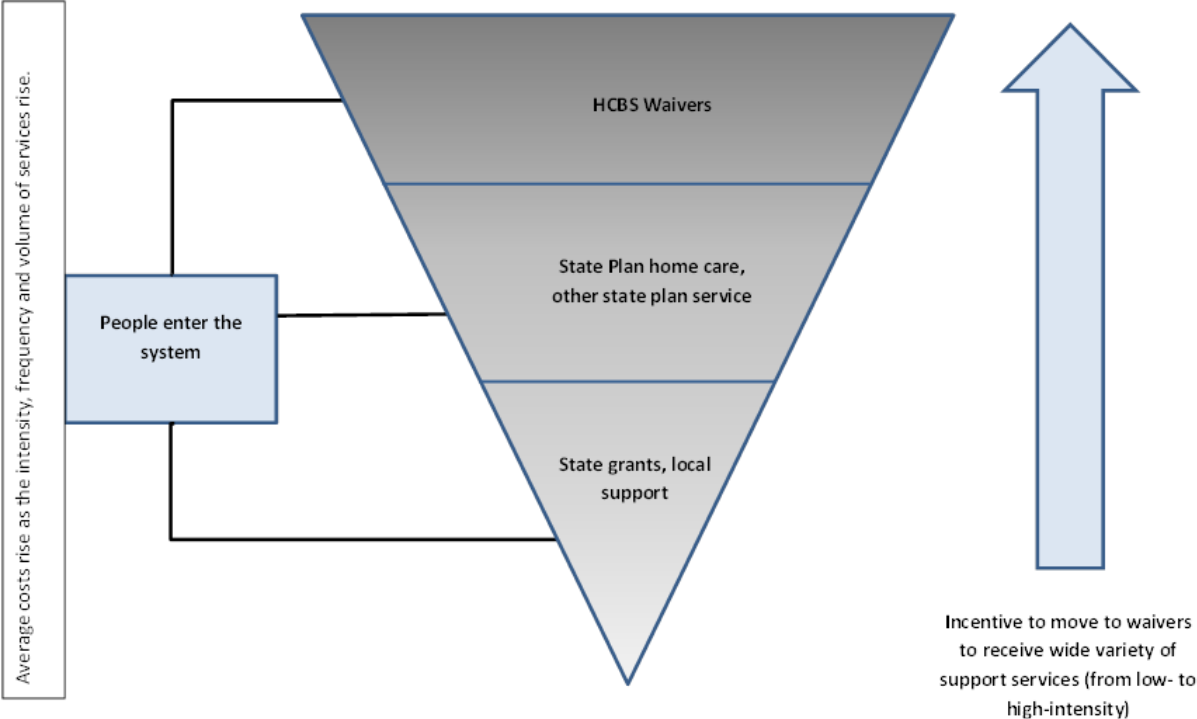
From both a short-term and a long-term budget perspective, Minnesota must address the future sustainability of the MA long term care system. Primarily a function of the aging of the population and increased longevity, demands on the public payment system will challenge its ability to support a greater number of people. In addition, recent changes in federal law, and the willingness of the federal government to consider new arrangements with states provider opportunities that need analysis and call for decisions by state policy makers about pursuing these new opportunities.

The vision is organized around five themes with some variation that together can support a person in a more holistic and integrated way:

- Navigation and Self/Family Advocacy
- Prevention and Self-management
- In-Home Supports
- Employment Support
- Housing Access, Supports, and Preservation

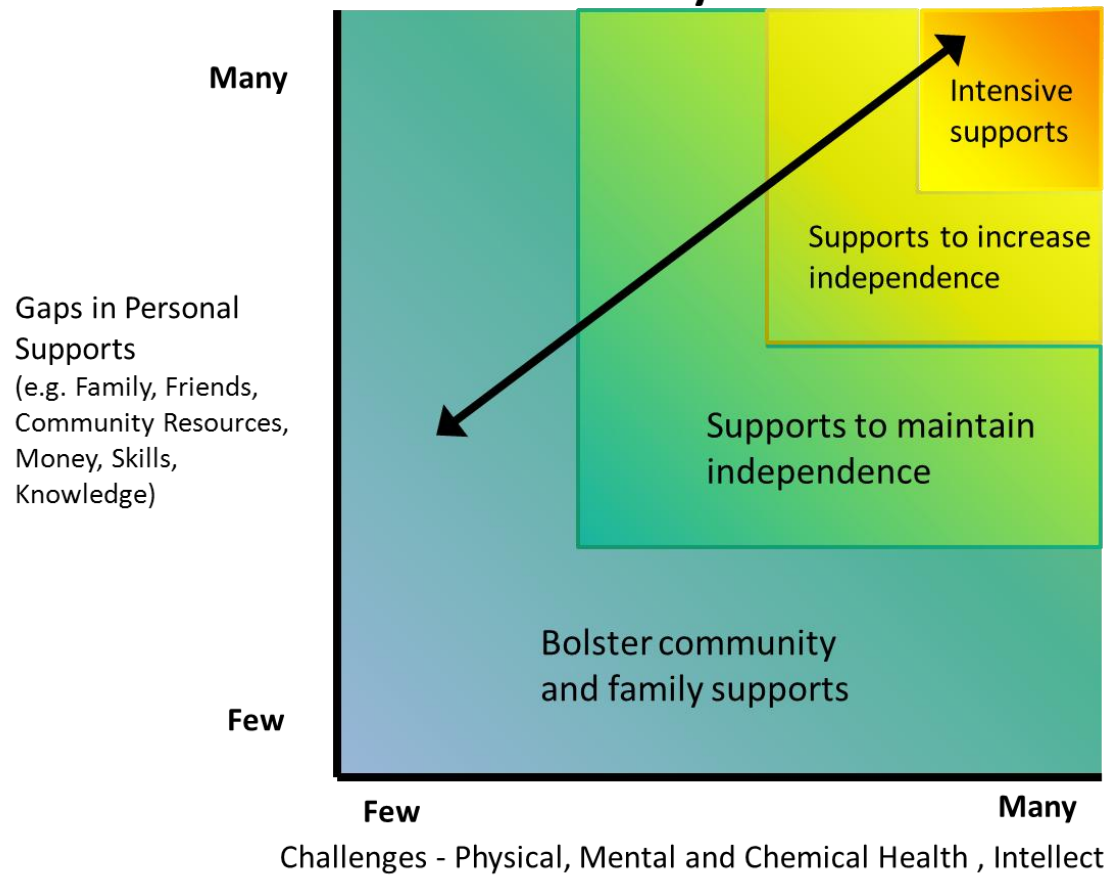
Conceptual Framework:

HCBS System Now



*Current System Dynamic: There is pressure to move into waived services in order to receive services that aren't available otherwise. Once on a waiver a person has access to a waiver-specific menu of services. There are people with low needs and high needs on the same waiver program.*

## Conceptual Framework: New HCBS System



***Desired System Dynamic: People get the right service at the right time. System is flexible and fluid, so that people get a higher level of service when needed, but stay at or return to lower levels when those are sufficient.***

## **TIMELINES AND NEXT STEPS**

Beginning in late 2011 and extending through 2012, more in depth data and fiscal analysis will inform specific components of reform, including the most appropriate and cost-neutral vehicles to obtain federal authority to implement the desired changes. This analysis will help identify any components that potentially could be implemented by July 1, 2012, as well as an overall redesign in the 2013 legislative proposal for implementation by July 1, 2013. It will assist in determining the staging of reform and the transition from current to future state while we continue to learn about the complexity and needs of those we serve. Potential vehicles (defined in the Appendix) include:

- Community First Choice Option (1915(k) option)
- HCBS Waivers (1915(c) authority)
- 1115 Demonstration Waiver
- MA State Plan
- Home- and Community-Based Services Access Option (1915(i) option)