

# Disability Rights Nebraska

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities

## Comments on The Proposed Changes to The Aged and Disabled Waiver

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We appreciate this opportunity to provide comment on the proposed Aged and Disabled (A&D) Waiver for 2021 renewal. We only have two areas to address.

1. The addition of the Heavy Household Chore service is beneficial. We appreciate the refined and more accurate description of those services, separating them from lighter household chores, as well as recognizing that these services may not be captured under the Electronic Visit Verification system and making an accommodation.
2. We applaud the additional language in Appendix D stating that participants can choose and invite individuals to participate in the service planning process. However, the language seems to indicate that once the planning process is completed, the plan and any subsequent changes must be approved by these other interested and invited individuals, not the participant:

“Individuals involved in the planning process support the participant to have the life they want by discussing the participant’s goals and needs; communicating objections to the service plan; approving the service plan by signing the service plan; and approving changes or modifications to the service plan or support documents throughout the year, if needed.”  
(pg. 105)

Furthermore, the placement of the phrase “the life they want” is ambiguous. Is it the life the participant wants or the life the interested individuals want? This paragraph must be entirely rewritten.

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