

# **Brain Injury Services Focused Program Design Workgroup**

February 15, 2023

# **Purpose, Goal, & Approach**

## **Legislative Requirements**

# Purpose, Goals, and Approach

## **Purpose**

Make recommendations to DMAS responsive to legislative requirements

## **Goal**

Provide well-supported recommendations for DMAS and other stakeholders to consider

## **Approach**

Develop recommendations for DMAS to share with other stakeholders and use for decision-making

- Eligibility criteria (TCM, waiver, neurobehavioral science unit)
- Services (waiver and neurobehavioral science unit)

# 2022 Legislative Requirements for DMAS

DMAS, “with relevant stakeholders, shall convene a workgroup to develop a plan for a neurobehavioral science unit and a waiver program for individuals with brain injury and neuro-cognitive disorders. ... The workgroup shall make recommendations in the plan related to relevant service definitions, administrative structure, eligibility criteria, reimbursement rates, evaluation, and estimated annual costs to reimburse for neurobehavioral institutional care and administration of the waiver program.”

Virginia Budget 308 CC.1; proposed amendment

DMAS shall establish and implement effective July 2, 2023, a new State Medicaid Plan service, targeted case management (TCM) for “individuals with severe Traumatic Brain Injury”

[Va. Code § 32.1-325\(A\)\(31\)\(2022\)](#)

# Today's Agenda

The purpose of today's meeting is to:

1. Review legislative requirements and approach of this workgroup
2. Discuss your input on eligibility definitions
3. Prepare for our next meeting

# Members and Roles

# Focused Program Design Workgroup Members

## COLLABORATION TEAM

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<b>McDonnell, Anne</b>	Occupational Therapist
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<b>Velickovic, Ivan</b>	Neurorestorative VA
<b>Witt, Michelle</b>	ABA Practitioners
<b>Young, Jason</b>	Alliance of Brain Injury Service Providers

## STATE AGENCY PARTNERS

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# Our Role as Facilitators

1. Obtain comprehensive inputs for Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), consistent with the legislative intent and within the time limits we have
2. Record and synthesize input from the workgroups and focus groups
3. Elevate concerns and need for key decisions to DMAS



# Your Role as Participants

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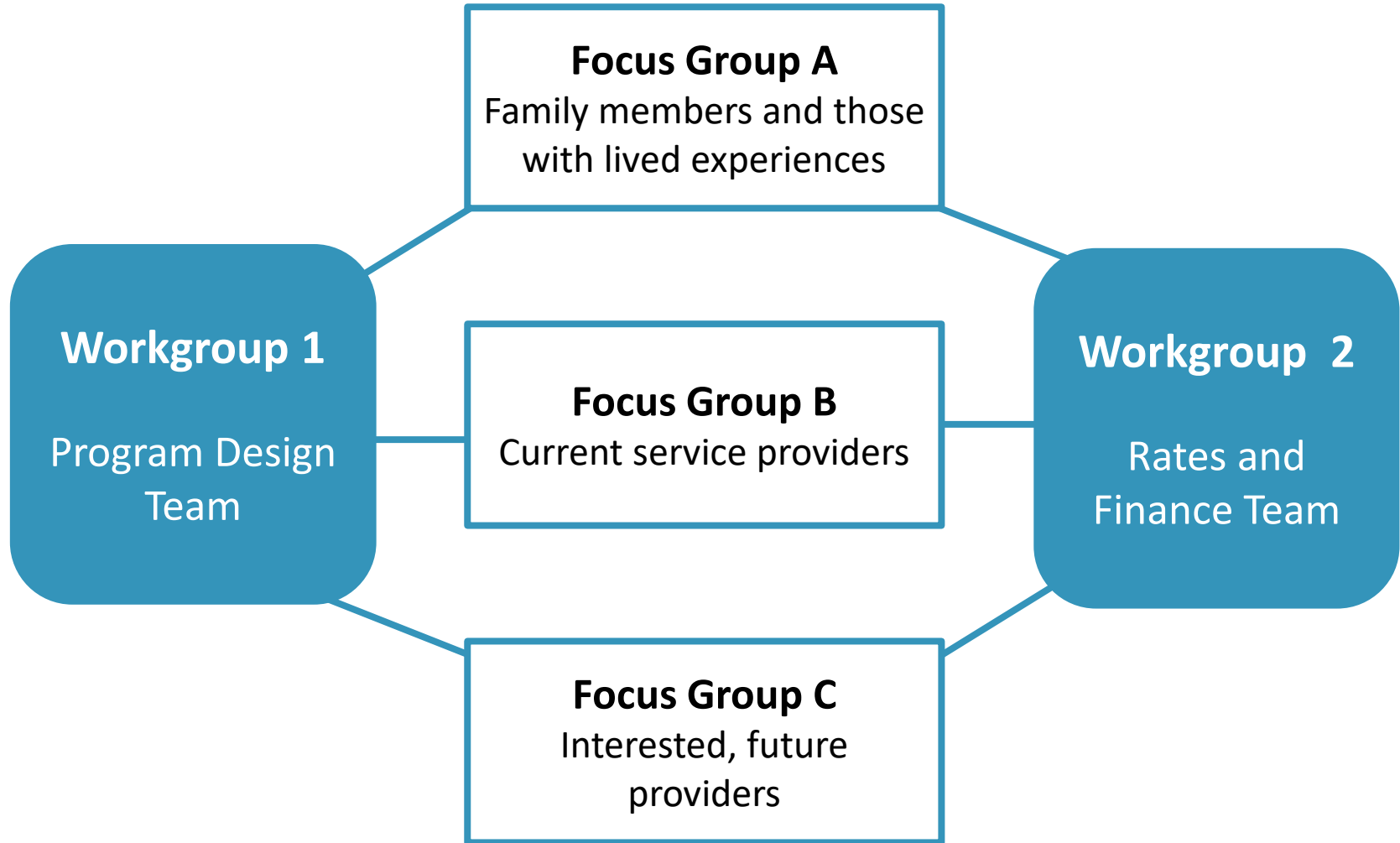
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## Chat Box



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# Allowing Designated Time for Distinct Inputs



# Deliverables and Timelines

# Deliverables for Virginia and Federal Requirements

1. Targeted Case Management
  - Develop and submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment
  - Operationalize and Implement Program by 7/1/2023
2. Legislative Report on Brain Injury Waiver and Neurobehavioral Science Unit
3. Stakeholder Engagement

# Timelines and Sequence of Workgroups and Focus Groups

**September 2022- Feb 2023**

Full Stakeholder Meetings

**February 15<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Workgroups and Focus Groups

**At Conclusion of Workgroup and  
Focus Group Meetings**

Full Stakeholder Meeting  
Presentations

# Timeline for Focused Program Design Workgroup

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Today

Complete draft  
**eligibility** criteria

March 1

Complete draft  
**service** definitions

March 15

Hold for DMAS  
**follow-up**  
**questions** related  
to eligibility and  
services

April

Review and  
comment on draft  
**legislative report**

# Eligibility

# Recap today's approach

- Review each service area to summarize input
  - Targeted Case Management
  - Waiver
  - Neurobehavioral Science Unit
- Ask for your input on discussion questions for each service area



# Recommendations: Eligibility Criteria for Targeted Case Management

## Input Received

### *Areas of agreement*

- *Share age 18 rationale*
- *Criterion #1 Use CDC definition of TBI; legislative directive*
- *Criterion #2 Flexibility in defining severity*
- *Criterion #3 Types of assistance needed (added behavioral health)*

### *Questions for discussion*

- *Criterion #2 Share reference to @UAB TBI model system*
- *Criterion #4 Consider feasibility of being ordered by a physician*
- *Criterion #5 Clarify question re: non-Medicaid case management*

## Input Received

### *Areas of agreement*

- *Criteria #1 – 4*

### *Questions for discussion*

- *Eligibility of people incarcerated and hospitalized*
- *DMAS is considering internally the recommendation about age criteria (i.e., Age 18-21 and over age 64)*

# Recommendations: Eligibility Criteria for Neurobehavioral Science Unit

## Input Received

### *Areas of agreement*

- *Criterion #1*
- *Criterion #3 (authorized representatives)*
- *Criterion #4*

### *Questions for discussion*

- *Eligibility of people incarcerated or hospitalized*
- *Criterion #2 Input on whether revision to “dementia-related disorders” exclusion works?*
- *Criterion #5 Should unit should have two levels of care?*

# Next Steps

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- DMAS will make decisions about revisions based on your input
- DMAS will share revised eligibility criteria with you and other stakeholders
- Later this week, you will receive draft service definitions for review and comment by middle of next week.
- We hope to use the same approach as today at the March 1 meeting
  - Share comments synthesis and slides in advance
  - Discuss remaining issues at the meeting