



Waiver Reimagine Legislative Proposal

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Background

- 2017 Legislature directed DHS to complete two related studies:
 - Reconfiguration/Consolidation of the DD, CADI, CAC, and BI waiver programs
 - Developing an individual budgeting model, and developing a new CDCS budget methodology, for these programs
- Vision: Recommend structural changes that simplify and improve the disability waiver programs for people with disabilities, their family members, lead agencies, and service providers.
- Over 40 stakeholder meetings informed direction of studies

Stakeholder Feedback

- Recommendations should be...
 - Understandable
 - Encouraging of flexibility
 - Person-centered
 - Sustainable
 - Equitable

2018 Legislative Studies Work

Reconfiguration

- MN Focus Groups
- Federal HCBS authorities review
- Other state reconfiguration efforts
- Analysis of current waivers
- Service utilization analysis

Individual Budgeting

- Other states' budgeting models
- Proposed budget methodology
- Service utilization analysis
- Implementation needs
- Expert panel activities

2019 Legislative Proposal

- Legislative proposals anticipate multi-year implementation of waiver reconfiguration and individual budgeting model with further stakeholder input opportunities.
- 2019 legislative proposals will further align current waivers to facilitate a future transition and synthesizes with HCBS Settings work.

HCBS Service Redesign & Reconfiguration

This proposal seeks to...

- Provide a more agile, equitable, and person-centered service system that meets diverse needs of people across the state;
- Streamline administration of disability waiver programs; and
- Enable people and their families to better understand and direct service available to them.

HCBS Service Redesign & Reconfiguration

To meet these goals, this proposal:

- Merges, clarifies standards, and redesigns current services;
- Develops new services; and
- Sets a path forward and dedicates resources for a reconfiguration of the four disability waivers.

Preliminary reconfiguration recommendations will be reviewed by the Waiver Reimagine Stakeholder Workgroup later this month.

Individual Budgeting

- Overarching purpose: To create a unified budget methodology across all waivers to account for a range of unique support needs.
- Goal: Align with Waiver Reimagine Project goals and identified focus group findings.

Individual Budgeting

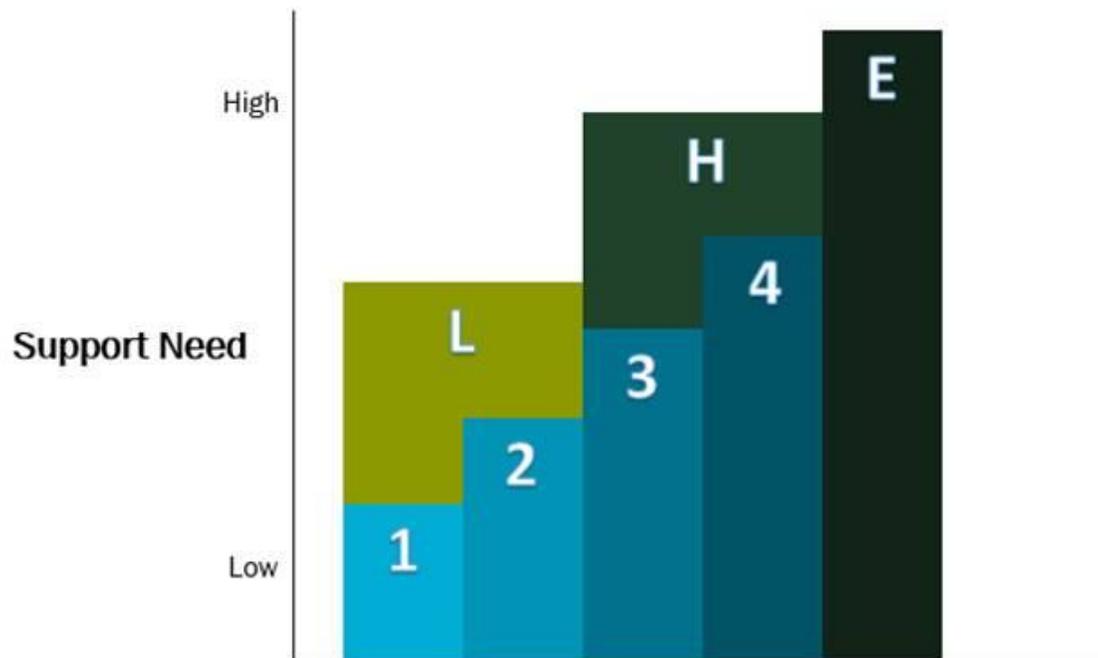
- Develop a methodology that uses support ranges
- An understandable approach that is flexible for people
- Accounts for variability in the assessment process and will not fluctuate dramatically based on one piece of information
- Can be prospective and does not need to rely on historical costs

Preliminary Support Ranges

- 1 Low general support need, typical health and psychosocial support needs
- 2 Moderate general support need, typical health and psychosocial support needs
- 3 High general support need, typical health and psychosocial support needs
- 4 Extensive general support need, typical health and psychosocial support needs
- L Low to moderate general support need, high health and/or high psychosocial support needs
- H High to extensive general support need, high health and/or high psychosocial support needs
- E Extraordinary health and/or psychosocial support needs as determined by an additional process

Our proposed approach - example

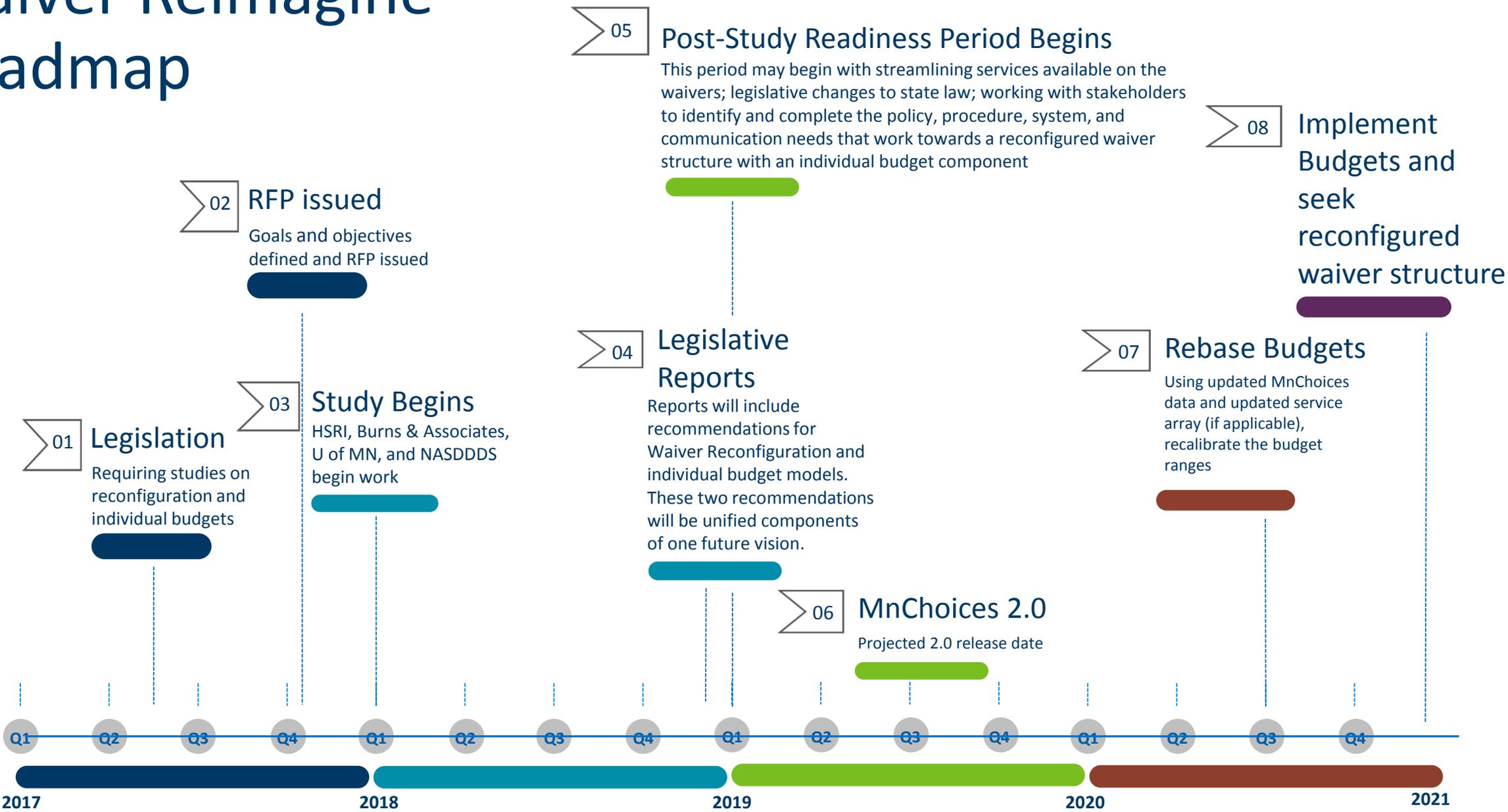
Preliminary Support Ranges



EXAMPLE: Support Range Budgets



Waiver Reimagine Roadmap



01 Legislation
Requiring studies on reconfiguration and individual budgets

02 RFP issued
Goals and objectives defined and RFP issued

03 Study Begins
HSRI, Burns & Associates, U of MN, and NASDDDS begin work

04 Legislative Reports
Reports will include recommendations for Waiver Reconfiguration and individual budget models. These two recommendations will be unified components of one future vision.

06 MnChoices 2.0
Projected 2.0 release date

05 Post-Study Readiness Period Begins
This period may begin with streamlining services available on the waivers; legislative changes to state law; working with stakeholders to identify and complete the policy, procedure, system, and communication needs that work towards a reconfigured waiver structure with an individual budget component

07 Rebase Budgets
Using updated MnChoices data and updated service array (if applicable), recalibrate the budget ranges

08 Implement Budgets and seek reconfigured waiver structure





Thank You!

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