



Title: Implementation of Crisis Response Services in the Developmental Disabilities System (HB691)

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HB691 was passed during the 67th legislative session and requires the Department to establish crisis response services within the developmental disabilities system. HB691 outlines three different levels of crisis response services: a preventative level of response, an intermediate level of response, and an advanced level of response. The Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division (BHDDD) provides the following update on the implementation of HB691 for the Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee meeting on August 25th and 26th:

On June 30th, 2021, BHDDD held a Stakeholder Listening Session to obtain feedback and input on implementation of Crisis Response Services. The listening session was held virtually with representation from Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) provider agencies, case managers, family members, advocacy organizations, and provider associations.

On September 22nd, 2021, BHDDD issued a Request for Information (RFI) regarding Implementation of Crisis Response Services. The Department received four responses to the RFI.

On September 28th, 2021, BHDDD submitted a waiver amendment to CMS including two new residential services to the 0208 Comprehensive Waiver. The two proposed services are intended to serve individuals with complex behavioral needs at a higher rate to meet the reimbursement needs of the advanced level of crisis response services.

Based on information obtained from both the Stakeholder Listening Session and the RFI, the Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) drafted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Crisis Response Services.

As the RFP will be written to include the requirements of the CMS approved behavioral services, the Department chose to delay issuing the RFP until the services are approved in the 0208 Comprehensive waiver. There have been challenges working through the approval process with CMS, but the Department continues to work diligently to support approval of these important services. To date, the Department has participated in 6 calls with CMS and has sent over 28 emails in trying to work through approval of these two waiver services.