

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - BOILERPLATE REPORT - SECTION 1681
HOME & COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER SERVICES AND ADULT HOME HELP

Personal care services are the most used service for participants in the Home & Community Based Waiver Program - MIChoice. The current Home & Community Based Waiver does not provide the same flexibility in the choice of paid care givers for personal care services as does the Adult Home Help program. A pilot project was proposed that would strengthen the coordination between the Adult Home Help and MIChoice Programs.

In planning for the pilot project, the Department evaluated the impact of the increased use of the Family Independence Agency's caseworker staff. The Department of Community Health concluded that any savings to the cost of personal care would be offset by the additional cost of caseworker staff for the Family Independence Agency. Based upon not having any savings, the Department did not proceed with the pilot project.

The Department is currently working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid to achieve the desired flexibility in personal care delivery through revisions to the current Home & Community Based Waiver.