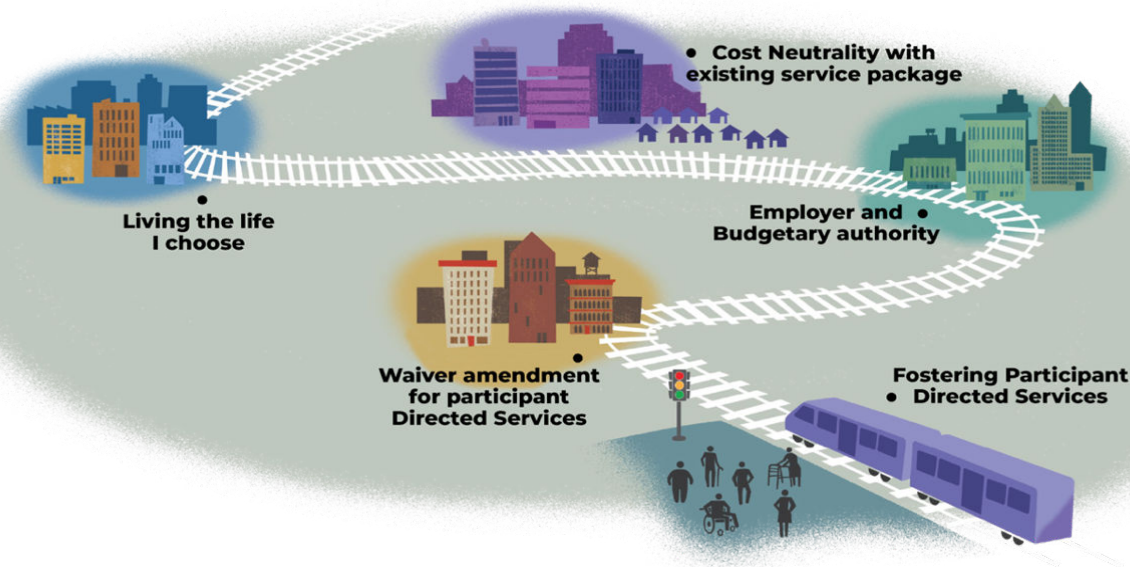


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Direct Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) follow the Developmental Disability (DD) Shared Vision Act and Implement Participant-Directed Services in FY 26



In 2018, Senate bill 174 was passed by the House and the Senate and signed into law. Section 47.80.095 known as the Developmental Disability (DD) Shared Vision Act has not been implemented.

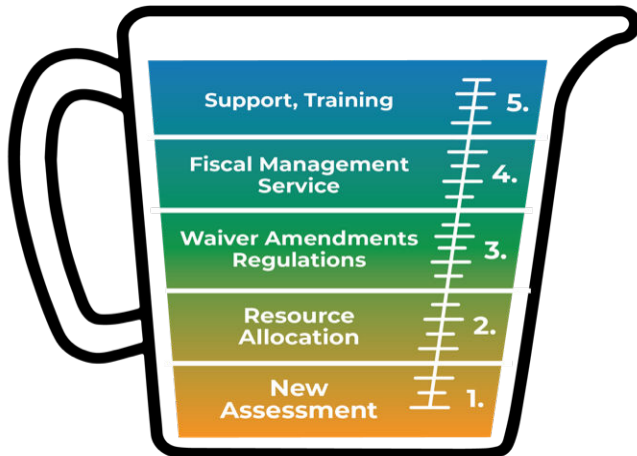
Implementing the Vision is not optional—it is the law.

- 7 years later we have yet to see major changes in the state system to support Self-Direction and Autonomy which means that the DD Shared Vision is not being upheld by the State.
- All other states, except Alaska, have implemented participant directed services and have found this option is budget neutral or a cost savings to the state
- The Independent Living Network contracted with Applied Self-Direction to develop recommendations for implementing participant-directed waiver services in Alaska. Applied Self-Direction serves as a national hub to provide technical assistance and training to state government administrators and disability advocacy groups.
- The Department of Health has expressed excitement and is determined to bring participant-directed waiver services to Alaska. They are working over the next several years to bring the InterRAI assessment suite to Alaska and want this fully implemented before addressing participant-directed services.

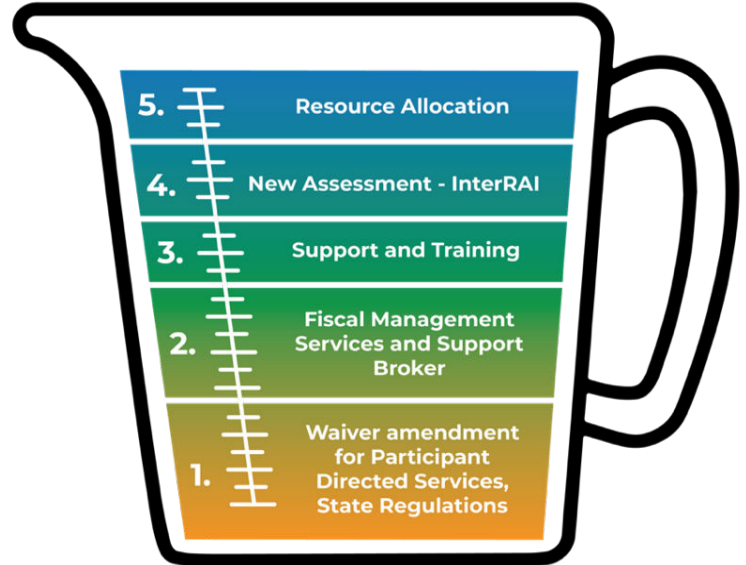
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- We believe with our support and ready resources to draft regulations, educate participants and providers, and build fiscal intermediary capacity that self-direction can happen this fiscal year and does not need to wait for the InterRAI.

Participant Direction: Department of Health Vision



Participant Direction: Participant and Stakeholder Vision



We ask the Legislature to direct SDS to fulfill the vision **NOW** by allowing Participant Directed Services through an amendment to the State of Alaska Home and Community-Based 1915 c waivers.

We're not asking for a new service or a new waiver. The state's current waiver could be amended with no change to the existing service categories other than allowing for participant directed. It is within the existing authorities of the Dept. of Health to make this change unilaterally today.

We support the inclusion of budgetary and employer authority as a Medicaid service that is available under Home and Community-Based waivers.

Participant-direction is supported by the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, the Independent Living Network, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Mat-Su Health Foundation, Alaska Personal Care Services Association, Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, AGENET, and most importantly by Alaskans with physical and intellectual/developmental disabilities who want to participate fully in the social and economic life of the state.