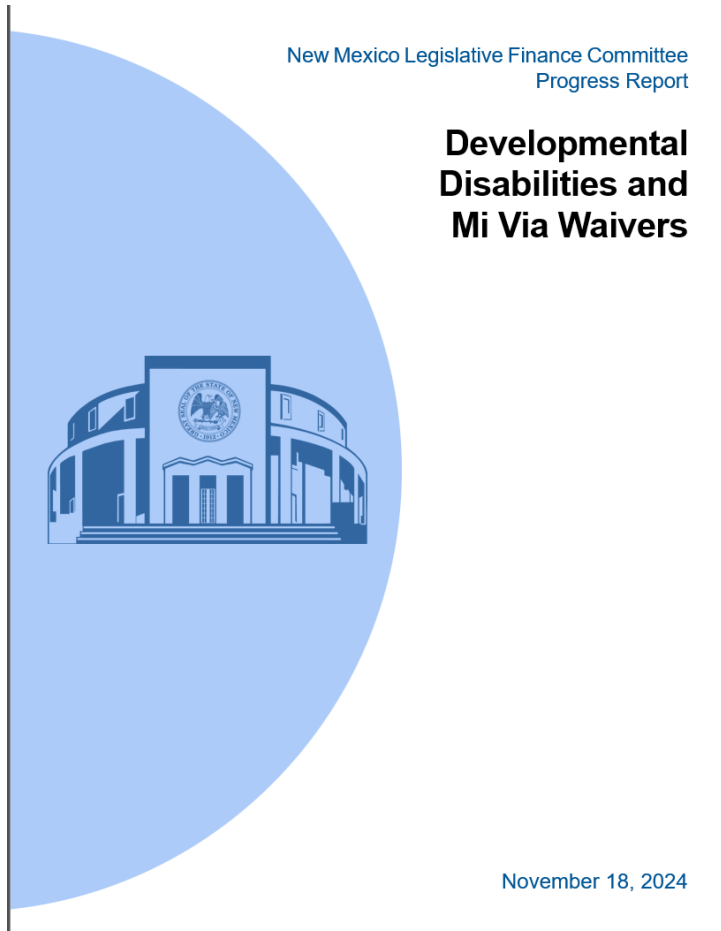


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## Key Recommendations from Page 2

### **The Legislature should consider**

- Enacting legislation to require providers to pass 80 percent of Medicaid reimbursement rates to the salaries of direct support professionals per the CMS final rule starting in FY27. This legislation should require DDS to require compliance monitoring by September 1, 2025; and
- Funding provider expansion and start up costs to increase the number of providers able to serve new clients

### **The Developmental Disabilities Supports Division of the Health Care Authority should**

- Encourage a train-the-trainer model for therapists and direct support providers by January 2026.
- Work with the LFC and the DFA to create FY27 Accountability in Government Act performance measures for client outcomes, quality of life, and provider quality.
- Ensure case manager and consultant ability to meet current standards including monitoring of workloads. If case managers and consultants are not meeting state standards, increase training and oversight of the case management and consultant process.
- Participate in the National Core Indicator Survey to understand the strengths and challenges of the waiver from a participant perspective.
- Follow through on plans to require the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale-3 and require the results of the scale be used to develop individualized service plans within the traditional Developmental Disabilities waiver;
- For the traditional developmental disabilities waiver, develop appropriate budgetary caps for services for new enrollees, and for the Mi Via waiver adhere to the individual budgetary allotment unless there are justifiable extenuating circumstances;

### **The Divisions of Health Improvement and Developmental Disabilities Support of the Health Care Authority should**

- Work together to change the current DHI QMB Survey tool to add measures of quality of life, including assessing percent of goals met and if clients are living as independently as possible, by January 2026.