



Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI)

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Strengthening Medicaid Integrity in Minnesota through:

-  • **Prevention:** Enhanced prepayment review, license moratoria, revalidation
-  • **Detection:** Targeted reviews, data analytics on high-risk services, site visits
-  • **Enforcement:** Disenrollments, payment withholds, referrals to law enforcement, monetary recoveries, suspensions and disqualifications
-  • **Transparency:** Program Integrity site with dashboard of OIG actions

Why did DHS ask a vendor to put this report together?

- DHS needed a tool to analyze a history of claims data (46 months, in this case) to enhance forward-looking analytics. We needed an additional tool to prevent fraud before dollars go out the door. The less we pay and chase, the better.
- To provide recommendations for state law or administrative policy changes. No one entity has all the answers. DHS invites external input to continuously improve our program integrity processes.
- The report is a single milestone along a longer path to refine our systems for future effectiveness.

Advancing Early Support: The Creation of EIDBI

- **Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) was the legislature's solution to ensure children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related conditions could access early, high-quality, medically necessary treatment.**
 - Created out of necessity - children waiting years for evaluation and service.
 - Filled a gap - sparse comparable service options across schools, other benefits or waiver services.
- **Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) is:**
 - A state specific Medicaid benefit, offers a range of services that provide medically necessary treatment for youth under 21 with ASD or related conditions.
 - Multidisciplinary, culturally linguistic, intensive, evidence-based treatment.

EIDBI: Controls



MN Health Care Programs Enrollment:

State and federal screenings and background studies. Clinical providers must also meet professional licensing or credentialing requirements.



Medical Review Agent:

Clinical professionals review a recipient's eligibility and individual treatment plan.



Prior Authorization:

7 key EIDBI services require prior authorization.



Claims Monitoring:

Medicaid edits for eligibility, service limits and duplicate billing.



Recipient Rights:

Families have appeal rights and federal EPSDT requirements ensure that medically necessary services for children must be provided.

EIDBI: DHS Program Integrity Actions

- Provider audits and onsite visits
- High-risk designation
- Enhanced background study requirements
- Payment withholds
- Enrollment moratorium
- Provisional Licensure
- Provider disenrollment
- Enhanced prepayment review
- Provider Revalidation

Provisional and Comprehensive Licensing

- DHS has been a champion for EIDBI reforms, and the Governor set out to license EIDBI dating back to 2022.
- EIDBI provisional license applications are due by May 31, 2026. EIDBI agencies that have not applied by this date must not operate and will be disenrolled from providing EIDBI services.
- The Office of Inspector General (OIG) Licensing Division recently collected feedback from the EIDBI Advisory Council and will have a public comment period likely beginning this summer
- Comprehensive Licensure standards are due to the Legislature by January 2027. Standards will cover materials, physical spaces, health and safety, training and documentation, staff qualifications, policies and procedures.

EIDBI Site Visits and Investigations

EIDBI site visits completed between October 2024 – July 2025

338

Onsite visits completed

54

Providers closed

18

Providers terminated for cause

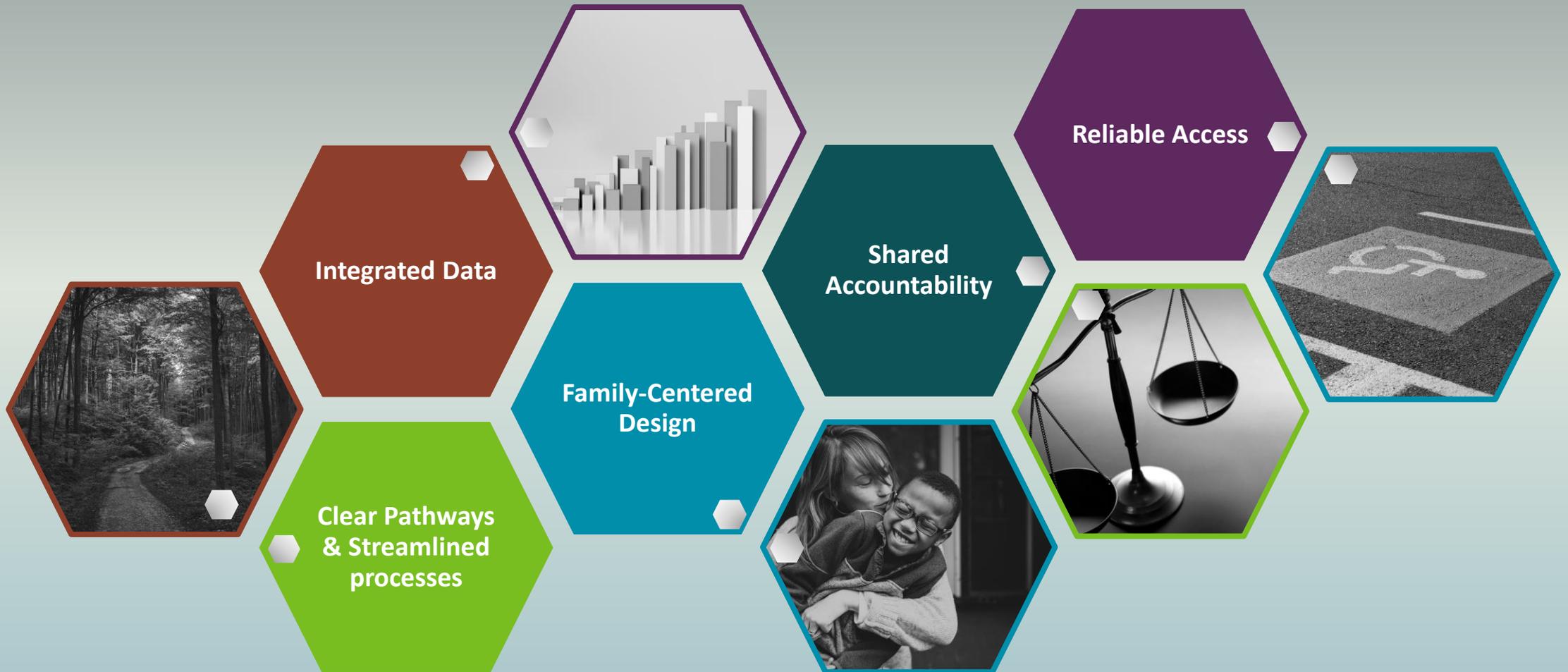
Off-Cycle Provider Revalidation (Minnesota Revalidate)

- EIDBI is among the 13 high-risk provider types completing off-cycle revalidation
- Revalidation will occur between now and May 2026
- Providers must complete required enrollment and revalidation paperwork and background studies
- DHS will conduct unannounced onsite screening visits at each provider location
- Providers that do not complete the revalidation process will be terminated from Medicaid

EIDBI Investigations

- 102 open cases
- 37 active payment withholds
- In January 2026, we contracted with private sector auditor to conduct targeted audits of EIDBI billing outliers.
- Outlier audits are focused on businesses with billing patterns that significantly differ from norms.

EIDBI: Future Vision



Thank You