



CCD 2025 Long Term Supports and Services Task Force Annual Report

1. Brief Task Force Description or Mission Statement

The LTSS Task Force addresses the services and supports that enable individuals with disabilities of all ages to live in their own homes and communities, known as Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). HCBS, which are primarily provided through Medicaid, are necessary for community integration, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for many people with disabilities and older adults and makes it possible for them to fully exercise their civil and human rights.

2. Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2025

- a. HR 1, 2025 Budget Reconciliation Law
- b. Legislation to improve home and community-based services, including the Access Act and the Recognizing the Role of Direct Support Professionals
- c. Commenting on Notices of Proposed Rulemaking

3. Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2026

- a. Protecting Healthcare and Lowering Costs Act of 2025 (S. 2556 /H.R. 4849) and other bills to repeal health cuts in HR1
- b. Regulations and guidance implementing the Budget Reconciliation Law
- c. Access Act, a bill to eliminate the institutional bias in Medicaid

4. 2025 Task Force Co-Chairs

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5. Task Force Meeting Second Thursday of the Month and at 12:30 pm ET
6. Task Force Co-Chair Contact for Accommodations Coordination [e.g. ASL or CART]