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# INTRODUCTION

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## Scope and Acknowledgements

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W.S. 28-8-107(b) authorizes the Legislative Service Office to conduct program evaluations, performance audits, and analyses of policy alternatives. Generally, the purpose of such research is to provide a base of knowledge from which policymakers can make informed decisions.

In July 2003, the Management Audit Committee directed staff to undertake a review of the Developmental Disabilities Division in the Department of Health. The Committee requested an analysis of program operations and outcomes. Based on preliminary research, this study focuses on the Division's Adult Waiver program and addresses the following questions:

- How is eligibility determined for Home and Community Based programs, and have there been changes in the eligibility criteria?
- Does the Division regularly review and update its rules, and are the rules consistent with current practices?
- How does the Division ensure that cost-effective services are delivered?
- What is the Division's process for overseeing the purchase and delivery of client services?

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