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The purpose of this report is to give an account of the use of emergency and reserve Developmental Disability (DD) waiver slots in the past quarter.

DBHDS maintains a pool of Developmental Disability (DD) waiver slots that may be assigned to individuals deemed in an **emergency status** according to the following criteria:

> 1. Child protective services has substantiated abuse/neglect against the primary caregiver and has removed the individual from the home; or
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> 2. Adult Protective Services has found that the individual needs and accepts protective services; or
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> 3. Abuse/neglect has not been founded, but corroborating information from other sources (agencies) indicates that there is an inherent risk present and there are no other caregivers available to provide support services to the individual; or
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> 4. Death of primary caregiver or lack of alternative caregiver coupled with the individual's inability to care for himself and endangerment to self or others without supports; or
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> 5. An individual who transitioned from one of the DD Waivers to the Medicaid Works program chooses to resume DD Waiver services.

Requests for emergency slots are forwarded by the Community Services Board (CSB) to DBHDS to determine if the individual's situation meets the above criteria. Once the pool of emergency slots reaches a minimum of three slots, the next nonemergency waiver slot that becomes available at the CSB in receipt of an emergency slot shall be reallocated to the DBHDS emergency slot pool in order to ensure emergency slots remain to be assigned to future emergencies within the Commonwealth's fiscal year.

Some emergency situations involve individuals residing in state hospitals or crisis housing who cannot return to their families of origin. In these situations, facility slots are assigned. Facility slots do not have to be "paid back" unless the individual vacates the slot in less than 12 months.

Emergency Slots Assigned FY 24 – 1st Quarter				
	Community Living	**Family and Individual Support**	**Building Independence**	**Total**
TOTAL	17	3	0	**20**

Reserve slots may be used for transitioning an individual who, due to documented changes in their support needs or a preference for supports found in a waiver with a less comprehensive array of supports, requires or requests a move from the DD waiver in which they are presently enrolled into another of the DD waivers to access necessary services.

If there are insufficient reserve slots in a given waiver to accommodate the needs of individuals whose needs qualify them to move from their current waiver, the names of those individuals meeting the criteria are kept on a chronological list until a slot in that waiver becomes available.

The DD waivers' regulations include a requirement that CSBs make vacated "turn-over" slots available to individuals from that CSB who are waiting for a reserve slot in that waiver. The slot of the individual moving into the awaited reserve slot is then assigned by the usual means (Waiver Slot Assignment Committee) to a person on the waiting list. This greatly facilitates movement between the waivers when needed, which is a significant boon to individuals and their families in response to changing needs. There is currently a pool of reserve CL and FIS slots held by DBHDS in the event that a CSB does not have an available slot to which the person may transition, as described in item 313 J.4.C above. Three of the 44 reserve slots assigned this quarter were drawn from the DBHDS reserve slot pool. The totals of reserve slots assigned are as follows.

Reserve Slots Assigned FY 24 – 1st Quarter				
	Building Independence to Family and Individual Support	**Building Independence to Community Living**	**Family and Individual Support to Community Living**	**Total**
TOTAL	4	2	38	**44**