

Technology with Purpose: Enabling Independence and Inclusion

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Enabling Technology and Assistive Technology

Enabling technology

- Broader application to the population as a whole
- Promotes accessibility and independence
 - Home sensors
 - Communication systems
 - Mobile applications
 - Wearable smart devices
 - Remote monitoring or support systems

Assistive Technology

- More tailored to people with disabilities
- Promotes accessibility and independence
 - Mobility aids (ex: wheelchairs)
 - Screen readers
 - Hearing aids
 - Communication tools, such as speech-to-text or eye-tracking software

Enabling Technology Definition

- The use of various forms of devices and technology to support an individual to live as independently as possible.” Examples include remote patient monitoring or support systems, wearable or other smart devices, mobile applications, communication systems, or home sensors.

Why is Enabling Technology Important?

Enabling
Technology is
used to:

Promote
independence

Improve quality of
life and quality
outcomes

Support caregivers
and the direct care
workforce

Enable more
people to
participate fully in
their everyday lives



ENABLING TECHNOLOGY ENGAGEMENT NETWORK



State of the States
In Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

ETEN Collaboration Participant Types



Who
participates?



What is it?



Why Do it?



How does it
work?



So what?

ETEN Core Team



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ETEN Participant Types

Technology
vendors

Health Plans

State Aging
Leaders

State
Disability
Leaders

State
Medicaid
Leaders

Enabling Technology Categories



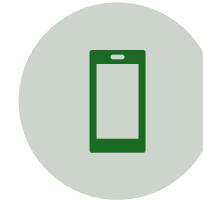
ADAPTIVE
EQUIPMENT



HOME SENSORS



COMMUNICATION
SYSTEMS



MOBILE
APPLICATIONS



WEARABLE OR
OTHER SMART
DEVICES

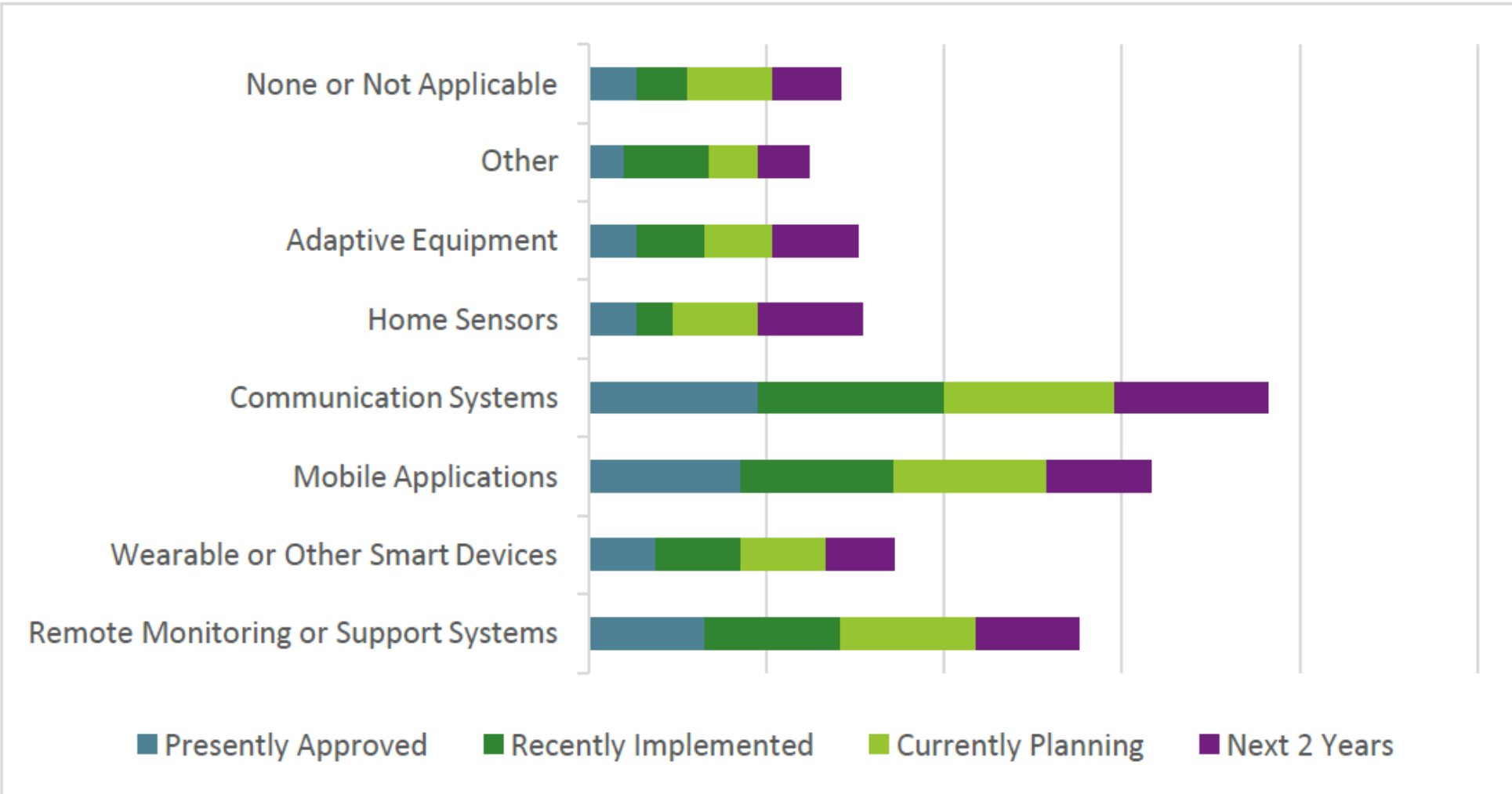


REMOTE
MONITORING OR
SUPPORT SYSTEMS

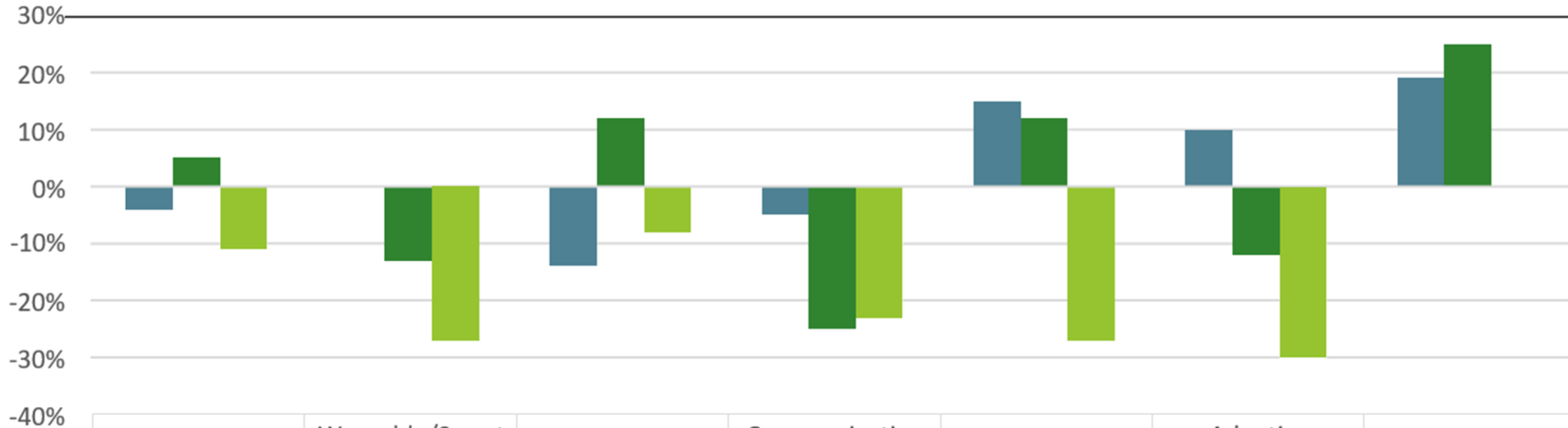


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Exhibit 6. Specific LTSS Technology Innovation for Technology Vendors



PLANS FOR ENABLING TECHNOLOGY IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS



	RPM	Wearable/Smart Devices	Mobile Apps	Communication Systems	Home Sensors	Adaptive Equipment	Predictive AI
■ Tech Vendors	-4%	0%	-14%	-5%	15%	10%	19%
■ Health Plans	5%	-13%	12%	-25%	12%	-12%	25%
■ State	-11%	-27%	-8%	-23%	-27%	-31%	0%

The ETEN consists of three groups:

Advisory
Group

↓
Small group of state
leaders

Affinity
Group

↓
All states

Collaborative

↓
States, health plans,
tech vendors

ETEN Activities



Collaboration with federal partners



National Conferences



The State of Enabling Technology in LTSS Report

ETEN Year One (2025)



Collaboration between federal partners and Advisory Group
In-Person Meeting in August 2025



National Conferences in August and November with Enabling Technology
intensives at both ADvancingStates and here at NASDDDS!



Enabling technology waiver tool under construction!

ETEN Year Two (2026)



Collaboration with federal partners continues with use case development to identify areas for alignment



National Conferences will again have Enabling Technology Intensives and additional opportunities to share use cases among Technology Innovators, Health Plans, and State Program Leaders.



The State of Enabling Technology in LTSS Report, The next survey is in the planning stages!

ETEN Year Two (2026 continued...)



Outtake from year one includes a number of ideas to improve the year long collaborative work and create new opportunities for solving challenges together. An additional Collaborative meeting will be held and use cases will be worked on together!



Learning opportunities including shared resources and webinars designed to showcase successes and allow for opportunities to identify evolving best practices



More states will be joining the Advisory Committee along with new Health Plan's and Technology Vendors as part of the year long Collaborative!

ETEN Collaborative Tech Vendor Participation

We are seeking tech vendors to participate in ETEN!



As a member of the Enabling Technology Engagement Network, vendors will:

Showcase
solutions at
premier events

Connect with
policy makers
and industry
leaders

Shape policies
to drive
innovation

Access exclusive
learning and
collaboration
opportunities