

# Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) Targeted Eligibility Criteria Expansion

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# Background

- In 2018, CDHS transferred the waiver responsibilities to HCPF and HCPF expanded the eligibility criteria to include non-child welfare involved children/youth.
- The Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) waiver provides services for children and youth, 0-21 years old, who have an intellectual or developmental disability and very high needs, putting them at risk of, or in need of, out of home placement.
- Waiver services are intended to help children and youth learn and maintain the skills needed to live in their communities.

# HB 24-1038

- HB 24-1038 / High-Acuity Crisis for Children and Youth
  - Collaboration between HCPF, CDHS, and BHA
  - Addresses the need for residential care for children and youth with complex behavioral and mental health needs

“No later than January 1, 2025, the State Department shall seek federal authorization to expand the residential child health-care program established pursuant to Section 25.5-6-903 to include children and youth who have a serious emotional disturbance that puts the child or youth at risk or in need of out-of-home placement.”



# Intention of Waiver Change

- To include Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) within the CHRP targeting criteria for waiver eligibility. Children/youth must meet nursing facility or an inpatient psychiatric hospital level of care.
- Create alignment between BHA, CDHS and HCPF in serving high-acuity youth.
- No changes to CHRP waiver services or providers.



# Proposed Waiver Definition of SED

“Child with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED)” means a child or adolescent that has a mental, behavioral or emotional disorder, which: (1) has been diagnosed through the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders; The DC 0 to 5; or the International Classification of Diseases by a licensed mental health professional, and (2) has experienced functional impairments, which interferes with the child’s functioning in family, social relationships, school or community, and (3) experienced an emotional disturbance over the past 12 months prior to application on a continuous or intermittent basis, as determined and documented by a licensed mental health professional. SED shall not include substance-related disorders, or primary conditions or problems classified in the DSM as “other conditions that may be a focus of clinical attention”.





Questions?  
Comments?



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# Thank you!

## Stakeholder Engagement meeting this afternoon from 2-3pm

