

Children's Disability Advisory Committee

Children with Life Limited Illness Waiver & Children's HCBS Waiver Updates

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Agenda

- Community First Choice - Adam
- Case Management Redesign - Tiffani and Nicolette
- Wellness Education Benefit - Jordan
- Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS) Waiver and Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI) Waiver Updates - Lana

Meeting Objectives

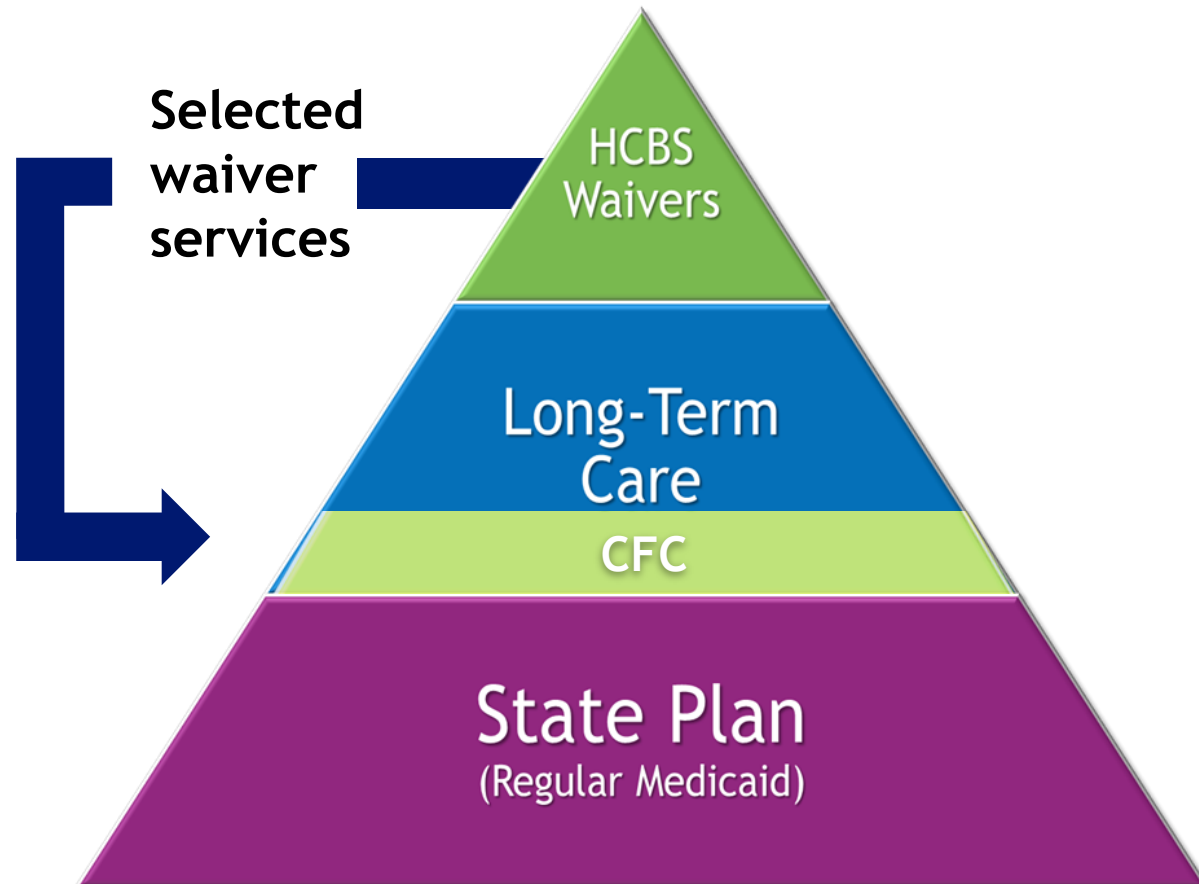
- Tying together Department projects that impact waiver members including:
 - Community First Choice (CFC)
 - Case Management Redesign (CMRD)
 - Wellness Benefit (WEB)
 - CHCBS and CLLI waiver merger
- These projects impact all waivers and members, but specifically those on the CHCBS Waiver
- This meeting will cover how each project is connected, and the Department solutions to ensure seamless transition for waiver members while also expanding services

Community First Choice

Goal of CFC: Making HCBS accessible for more Medicaid members with expanded options and availability for self-directed care

Mandatory and Select Optional Services:

- Homemaker
- Personal Care
- Health Maintenance Activities
- Acquisition, Maintenance, and Enhancement of Skills (new federally required service)
- Remote Supports
- Remote Supports Technology
- Life Skills Training
- Transition Services
- Electronic Monitoring
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Medication Reminders





Questions?



Case Management Redesign (CMRD)

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Changes to CHCBS Waiver

- Case Management Redesign = Federal Conflict Free CM
- Case management in CHCBS will align with other 9 waivers by moving to an administrative function.
- Case Management will transition for CHCBS members beginning July 1, 2024.
- A new benefit will be added to CHCBS (and all waivers). This benefit will help members remain waiver eligible.
 - Wellness Education Benefit - more info on upcoming slides
- Reminder: Members will continue to receive case management!



Questions?



Proposed New Wellness Education Benefit (WEB) Overview

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What is the Wellness Education Benefit (WEB)

- Service designed to support HCBS waiver member's access to health and wellness education information
- Health and wellness articles mailed each month directly to members by 3rd party vendor
- Articles:
 - Individualized to member
 - ~200 words or less
 - Plain Language
 - Translated into preferred written language

Article Development

- Tell us what topics you think would be most helpful to members by Completing short survey
- Topics recommended to focus on:
 - Mental, Physical, Environmental, Community, or Interpersonal wellness dimensions- see [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's \(SAMHSA\) Wellness Dimensions](#)
 - Increasing health literacy
 - Improving member's ability to navigate Department resources
 - Promoting community living

Proposed WEB Implementation Timeline

- Spring 2023: Stakeholder engagement begins
- Summer 2023: Medical Services Board process and Waiver Action begins
- Spring 2024: Available for Children's HCBS (CHCBS) waiver members only
- Spring 2025: Available to all HCBS waivers

Key Member Benefits

- Critical service for supporting waiver eligibility
- Improve health literacy and ability to navigate Medicaid resources
- Health education strategy intended to promote health and community living among HCBS members
- Dynamic communication tool for Department and members
 - COVID-19
- Indirect benefits



Questions?



CHCBS and CLLI Waiver Merger

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Overview

- Due to changes necessary for CFC and CMRD, the Department recommends merging the Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI) and the Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS) Waivers
- Under CMRD, the Case Management Service will be moved out of the CHCBS waiver and CMAs will be paid administratively for providing case management for members enrolled in CHCBS
- With CFC implementation, IHSS-HMA will be moved from the CHCBS Waiver into CFC
- **These changes will streamline and increase access to services for members**



New Waiver

- The new waiver will include all current CLLI services, plus the new Wellness Education Benefit
- The new waiver will have expanded eligibility criteria
- Services available to CHCBS members will *increase*
- Services available to CLLI members will remain the same (plus the WEB benefit)
- [Draft CFC vs. Children's Waiver Comparison Chart](#)

New Waiver Services

- **Proposed Service Package for Merged Waiver**
 - Counseling/Bereavement Services
 - Expressive Therapy
 - Massage Therapy
 - Palliative/Supportive Care
 - Respite Care Services
 - Therapeutic Life Limiting Illness Support
 - Wellness Education Benefit
- **Targeting Criteria and Level of Care Requirements**
 - Will be expanded so all current CLLI and CHCBS members meet eligibility requirements

Benefit Transitions CHCBS/CLLI Waivers

2023-2024

2024-2025

2025-2026

2026

Current Status

CHCBS

- Case Management
- In Home Support Services (HMA only)

CLLI

All current services

Case Management moves 7/1/2024

CHCBS

- In Home Support Services (HMA only)
- Wellness Education Benefit

CLLI

All current services

Members transition from CHCBS to new waiver. CFC launches

CHCBS

- In Home Support Services (HMA only)
- Wellness Education Benefit

New Waiver

- All current CLLI services
- Wellness Education Benefit

CFC

In Home Support Services

All members transitioned to new Waiver. CHCBS concludes

New Waiver

- All current CLLI services
- Wellness Education Benefit

CFC

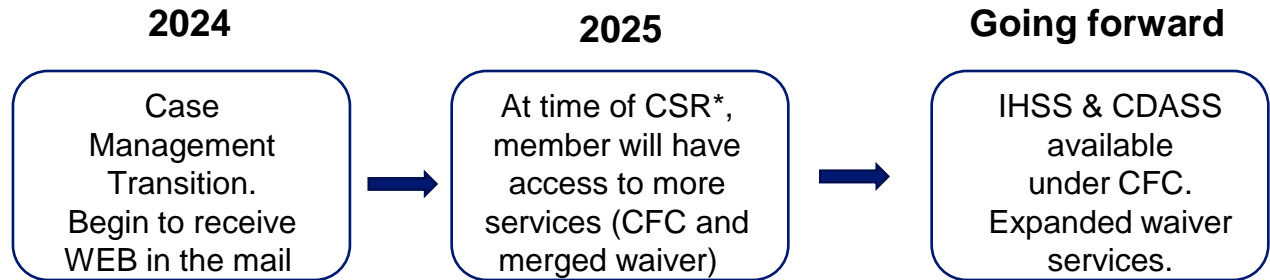
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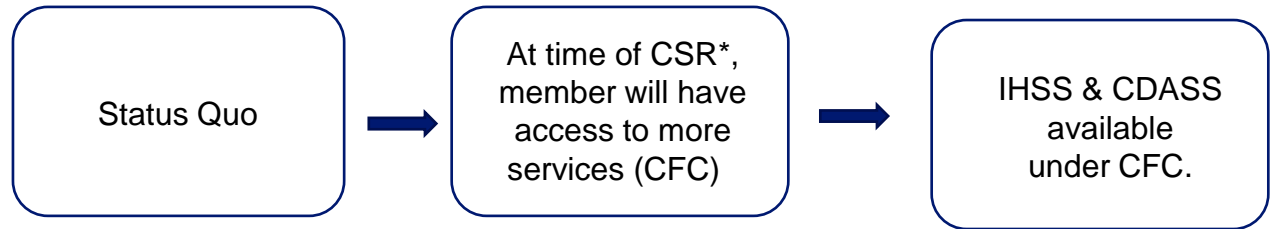
What does this mean for me?



CHCBS waiver member



CLLI waiver member



*CSR: Continued Stay Review

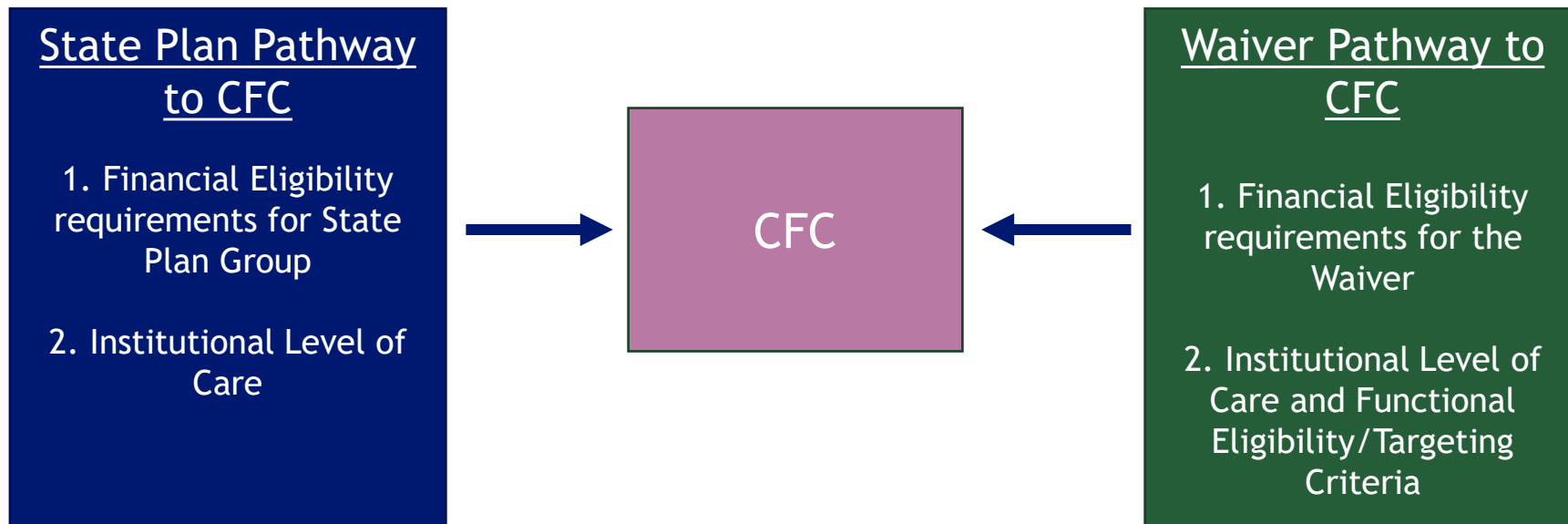
2286 members on the HCBS waiver

1540 members use IHSS & CM

746 members use CM alone



Eligibility Pathways



If your child is enrolling in CFC services and already on a waiver:

- We encourage your child to stay enrolled on the waiver.
- Staying on a waiver simplifies the process for meeting eligibility requirements and enrolling in CFC.
- If the child is disenrolled from the waiver, then State Plan financial eligibility requirements must be met. This requirement may be different than the waiver.
- Staying on the waiver will also allow access to more services, like Respite.

What should this new waiver be called?

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Questions?



Upcoming Stakeholder Engagement

- August 2023 - Case Manager Annual Listening Session
- Summer/Fall 2023 - Evening Meeting Opportunities