

Children's Disability Advisory Committee

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

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Overview

- In July 2024, the Case Management Service will be moved out of the Children's Home and Community-Based (CHCBS) waiver and Case Management Agencies will be paid administratively for providing case management for members enrolled in CHCBS
- With Community First Choice (CFC) implementation in July 2025, In-Home Services and Supports, Health Maintenance Activities, will be moved from the CHCBS Waiver into CFC.
- **These changes will streamline and increase access to services for members**

Children with Complex Health Needs Waiver

- The new waiver, Children with Complex Health Needs Waiver, will include all current Children with Life Limiting Illnesses Waiver services, plus the new Wellness Education Benefit
- The new waiver will have expanded eligibility criteria
- Services available to Children's Home and Community-Based Services members will *increase*
- Services available to CLLI members will remain the same (plus the Wellness Education Benefit)
- To see a chart of what the children's waivers and services will look like after the merger and CFC implementation, [visit our website and click "CFC vs. HCBS Children's Waivers Comparison Chart"](#)



Wellness Education Benefit

- Wellness Education Benefit is individualized educational materials designed to reduce the need for a higher level of care by offering educational materials that provide members and their families with actionable tools that can be used to prevent the progression of a disability, increase community engagement, combat isolation, and improve awareness of Medicaid services.
- The Wellness Education Benefit will be available to CHCBS waiver members starting in Spring 2024
- The Wellness Education Benefit should be added to all waivers by July 1, 2025



Children with Complex Health Needs 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

Children with Complex Health Needs Waiver (CCHN)

2023-2024

2024-2025

2025-2026

2026

Current Status

Case Management moves 7/1/2024

Members transition from CHCBS to CCHN. CFC launches

All members transitioned to new Waiver. CHCBS concludes

CHCBS

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

CHCBS

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

CHCBS

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

CCHN

- All current CLLI services
- Wellness Education Benefit

CLLI

All current services

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CCHN

- All current CLLI services
- Wellness Education Benefit

CFC

In Home Support Services

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Project Timelines: Children with Complex Health Needs Waiver (CCHN)

Milestone	Estimated end date
Public Noticing Period	February 2025
CMS approval	7/1/2025
Clean-up legislation	FY 2025/26
CO Rules and Regulations	July 2025
Case Manager Training	January 2025
CCHN waiver available for member enrollment!	July 2025



Stakeholder Engagement

- Recommendations on future stakeholder engagement?
- How often would CDAC like updates on this project?
- What other stakeholder meetings would be good to attend?
- Would an evening meeting be helpful?

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