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Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Amendment

The Department intends to submit an amendment for the Developmental Disabilities (DD) HCBS Waiver.

The Department will accept public comments from February 13, 2020 through March 13, 2020. The Department intends to submit the amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 18, 2020. The Department will request an effective date of June 30, 2020 for this waiver amendment.

Explanations of changes within the waiver application can be found below.

Public Comments will be accepted starting February 13 through March 13, 2020.

Summary of Changes

Align Preventative Basic Dental Service Span Dates to Fiscal Year

- *The Department is updating language regarding Preventative Basic Dental Service Span Dates to align with the State's Fiscal Year.*

Summary: The Department is removing language that limits Preventative/Basic Dental Services to the Service Plan year. The update will align this twelve-month span with the State of Colorado's fiscal year.

Updates to Quality Improvement Strategies

- *The Department is updating the Quality Improvement Strategy.*

Summary: The Department is updating the Quality Improvement Strategy in Appendix H to reflect the Department's current processes.

Update Performance Measure Language

- *The Department is updating Performance Measure A.1, A.3, A.6, and G.a.6.*

Summary: The Department is updating the Performance Measures to reflect the Department's current processes.



Update Post Payment Review (PPR) language

- *The Department is updating the sampling methodology utilized for PPR.*

Summary: The Department is updating the PPR sampling methodology located in Appendix I-2 to allow for a greater number of claims to be reviewed. This change will allow the PPR Contractor to conduct robust audits and to investigate trends in provider billing comprehensively.

Update Unduplicated Count and Point in Time Cap

- *The Department is updating the Unduplicated Count and Point in Time Cap*

Summary: The Department is updating the Unduplicated Count and Point in Time Cap in the waiver to better forecast the utilization and expenditures for the remaining life of the waiver.

Remove references to the Division of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- *The Department is updating the Division of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the DD waiver with the appropriate reference, the Office of Community Living (OCL).*

Summary: The department is replacing the outdated reference, Division of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Appendix C of the waiver with the appropriate name, Office of Community Living (OCL).

Update Cost Neutrality Projections

- *The Department is updating projections for expenditures.*

Summary: The Department is updating the forecasts for expenditures to more accurately project the utilization and expenditures for the remaining life of the DD waiver.

Geographical Minimum Wage Language Addition

- *The Department is adding language related to geographical difference in minimum wage consideration.*

Summary: House Bill 19-1210, allows cities and counties to set their own minimum wage. In order to account for these potential wage differences and increases by geographic region, the Department is updating rate methodology language to include a paragraph allowing for differences in rate structure by geographic region.



Public Comment Opportunity

The Department will post drafts of the waiver amendment application on the Department's website at www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition for public comment.

- The Department will make available a draft of the Waiver Amendment for a 30-day public comment period from February 13 through March 13, 2020.
- The Department commits to incorporating comments, concerns, and suggestions when possible.
- All comments and responses will be recorded in a listening log that will be published after the public comment period ends.

To request a paper or electronic copy of the waiver amendment including the full draft waiver and/or provide public comment please do so by:

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