



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform Stakeholders that the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver amendments submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in September 2019 were approved.

Information:

CMS approved the amendments to the following HCBS waivers in December 2019: Brain Injury (BI), Children's Extensive Support (CES), Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS), Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP), Children with Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI), Community Mental Health Support (CMHS), Developmental Disabilities, (DD), Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD), Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), and

Supported Living Services (SLS). The waiver amendments have an effective date of January 1, 2020.

To view the full approved waiver applications, please visit the Department's website at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition>.

The approved waiver amendments include the following changes:

- Add the Division of Housing (DOH) as oversight for Home Accessibility Adaptations (CES, SLS)
- Add the DOH as oversight for Individual Residential Services and Supports (IRSS) (DD)
- Update the Interagency Agreement (IA) with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) (DD)
- Increase the number of participants served (DD)
- Update eligibility language (CES)
- Update provider qualifications (DD, CES, CHRP, SLS)
- Add a new provider type (CHRP)
- Correct a citation for Independent Living Skills Training service (BI)
- Revise Residential Habilitation Services and Supports (RHSS) services definition (DD)
- Clarify roles in the investigation of Critical Incident Reports (CIRs) (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Update to include the standard for substantiating incidents of Mistreatment, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation (MANE) (DD)
- Update Post Payment Review (PPR) language (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, EBD, SCI)
- Alignment of rate methodology language (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Update the unit for BI Independent Living Skills Training (ILST) and SLS Life Skills Training (LST) (BI, SLS)
- Add language toward Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) implementation (all waivers)

- Update Cost Neutrality Projections for Targeted Rate Increases (TRI), Across the Board (ATB) Rate Increases, and for SB19-238 (BI, CES, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, SLS)

To review more information regarding these changes for the amendment please view the [Waiver Fact Sheet 2019 Fall Amendments](#).

Attachment(s):

None

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