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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform providers and case management agencies of updates to regulations for the Home Accessibility Adaptations (HAA) benefit for the Supported Living Services (SLS) and Children’s Extensive Support (CES) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. These updates are effective January 1, 2020.

Information:

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) has updated the HAA benefit regulations for the SLS and CES HCBS waivers to include oversight through the approval process by the Division of Housing (DOH) within the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The Department has also updated the billing method for this benefit using procedure code S5165.

The Department will continue to hold monthly stakeholder meetings on the HAA benefit. DOH and Department staff will also conduct Technical Assistance sessions with CCBs through 2020 to ensure a smooth transition. More information on the stakeholder

meetings may be found at the Office of Community Living Stakeholder Engagement page: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/OCL-stakeholder-engagement>.

Approval Process

After engagement with stakeholders, the Department has moved oversight and approval of HAA benefit utilization to the Division of Housing (DOH) within the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Utilization of the HAA benefit over \$2,500 per project must be reviewed and approved by DOH. Previously, Community Centered Boards were able to approve utilization of the HAA benefit up to \$10,000 during each five-year funding cycle. CCBs continue to have the authority to approve HAA projects under \$2,500 according to regulatory requirements.

CCBs should submit HAA benefit request packets to DOH by encrypted email to Naomi Hubert at Naomi.Hubert@state.co.us. At this time, CCBs should not submit S5165 line items of \$2,500 or more through the InterChange Bridge. DOH staff will enter S5165 line items upon approval.

CCBs may enter S5165 line items under \$2,500 through the InterChange Bridge. As described in the Billing Method updates below, the unit format for S5165 has been changed from \$1/1unit. CCBs should now enter two units at half the total project price. For example, a project totaling \$2,000 should be entered with two units of \$1,000 each. CCBs should enter the unit price manually.

Approval notification will be sent to both CCBs and providers through DOH's automated notification system from dola-homemod@state.co.us. CCBs are not required to send approval notification to providers for projects over \$2,500. CCBs should send approval notification to providers for projects under \$2,500 according to regulatory requirements.

Additional information on these approval process changes may be found in Department regulation at [10 CCR 2505-10 8.500.94.B.6](#) for the SLS waiver and [10 CCR 2505-10 8.503.40.A.5](#) for the CES waiver.

Billing Method

Beginning January 1, 2020, enrolled providers may bill these services directly using the S5165 procedure code and either the U7 primary modifier for the CES waiver or the U8

primary modifier for the SLS waiver. CCBs may continue billing on behalf of non-enrolled providers.

Enrolled providers will bill two units of half the total project cost per project. The first unit may be billed on project approval, and the second unit may be billed when the project has been completed satisfactorily. For example, a project totaling \$8,000 will be approved with two units of \$4,000 each. Providers may bill the first \$4,000 unit when they have been notified of approval, and the second \$4,000 unit when the project has been completed satisfactorily. Providers will receive project approval and notice of satisfactory completion directly from DOH.

The Department conducted a provider enrollment workshop webinar for existing providers to add the CES and SLS billing specialty type to their enrollment. A recording of this webinar is available here: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-training#HOMEMOD>.

Additional information on these billing method changes can be found in the January 2020 Provider Bulletin: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/bulletins>, and the current version of the HCBS—IDD Billing Manual: <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/billing-manuals>.

Attachment(s):

None

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