



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) invites the public to comment on proposed waiver amendments to the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers: Persons with Brain Injury (BI), Children's Extensive Supports (CES), Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS), Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP), Children with Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), Developmental Disabilities (DD), Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD), Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), and Supported Living Services (SLS).

Information:

The Department intends to submit waiver amendments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 17, 2021. The Department will request an effective date of January 1, 2022. The proposed waiver amendments give the Department, if agreed upon with stakeholders, the ability to include the following changes:

- Single Entry Point (SEP) appointments (BI, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, and SCI)

- Update Case Manager Qualifications (CES, CHRP, DD, and SLS)
- Transportation Services Update (BI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI and SLS)
- Waiver Enrollment Increase (DD)
- Overall Spending Limit Exception Process (SLS)
- Application of 2.5% across the board (ATB) rate increase to all waiver services excluding negotiated rate (BI, CES, CHRP, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, and SLS)
- Addition of Remote Supports to Service Definitions of Electronic Monitoring and Personal Emergency Response Systems (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, and SLS)
- Amend language for Authorized Representative in In-Home Support Services (IHSS) (CHCBS, EBD, and SCI)
- Addition to Residential Habilitation Provider Type (DD)
- Respite Update (CHRP)
- Addition to Habilitation Provider Type (CHRP)
- Consumer-Directed Attendant Support Services EVV Compliance Protocol (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, and SLS)
- Update Appendix J to reflect changes to Supported Employment (DD and SLS)
- Clarify Performance Measures language (BI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, SLS)

For a more detailed summary of all the changes, please visit the Department's website at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/hcbs-public-comment> to view the full draft waivers and the amendment fact sheet. You may also obtain a paper or electronic copy by calling 303-866-3684 or by writing the Department at 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203, ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments.

The public comment period is open for 30 days from August 12, 2021 through September 10, 2021.

Comments should be submitted to the Department via the following methods:

- Phone: 303-866-3684
- Email: HCPF_LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us
- Postal Mail:
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments
1570 Grant Street
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- Fax: 303-866-2786 ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments

Attachment(s):

None

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