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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) on September 17, 2021 were approved.

Information:

CMS approved the amendments for the following HCBS waivers with an effective date of January 1, 2022: Persons with 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 Supports (CMHS); Developmental Disabilities (DD); Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD); Supported Living Services (SLS); and Persons with Spinal Cord Injury

(SCI). The approved HCBS waiver applications are located at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/hcbs-public-comment>.

The approved waiver amendments include the following changes:

- Single Entry Point (SEP) appointments (BI, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Update Case Manager Qualifications (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Transportation Services Update (BI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, 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, SLS)
- Amend language for Authorized Representative in In-Home Support Services (IHSS) (CHCBS, EBD, 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, SLS)
- Update Appendix J to reflect changes to Supported Employment (DD, SLS)
- Clarify Performance Measures language (BI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, SLS)

Attachment(s):

None

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