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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 renewals for the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers: Persons with Brain Injury (BI), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), and Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD). The Department invites the public to comment on the proposed waiver amendments for the following HCBS waivers: 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), Developmental Disabilities (DD), Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), and Supported Living Services (SLS).

Information:

The Department intends to submit waiver renewals and amendments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 11, 2022. The Department will request an effective date of July 1, 2022. The proposed waiver renewals and amendments give the Department the ability to include the following changes:



- Persons with Spinal Cord Injury Alignment with SB21-038
- Add Working Adults with Disabilities for 65+ (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS)
- Update Number of Single Entry Points (SEPs) (BI, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Case Manager Qualifications Update (all waivers)
- Inclusion of the Remote Supports service (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS)
- Update to Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) Provider Specifications (DD, SLS)
- Change in Competitive Bid Requirements (BI, CES, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS)
- CDASS and IHSS Updates (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS)
- Update to Critical Incident Processes to Including Setting Evacuations (all waivers)
- Minor Revisions to Appendix H (all waivers)
- Language Updates in Appendix A and B for the BI waiver
- CES and SLS Overall Service Plan Limit Increase
- Temporary Increase for Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptation (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Adult Day Appendix J Update (CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Updates to Cost Neutrality Demonstration (all waivers)
- Performance Measure Updates (all waivers)
- Miscellaneous Corrections (BI, CMHS, EBD)

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 Renewals and Amendments.

The public comment period is open for 30 days from February 3, 2022 through March 4, 2022.

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/Renewals
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Attachment(s):

None

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