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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform members, case management agencies (CMA), providers, and stakeholders of the statewide expansion of the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Spinal Cord Injury Waiver (HCBS-SCI Waiver) to serve participants living with a spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, brain injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, or cerebral palsy with the inability of independent ambulation.

Due to this expansion, the name of the HCBS-SCI waiver will be changed to the HCBS Complementary and Integrative Health Waiver (HCBS-CIH Waiver).

Information:

Since 2012, the HCBS-SCI waiver has offered targeted services of acupuncture, chiropractic care, and massage therapy to HCBS participants residing in the Denver metro area living with a spinal cord injury. In 2021, the Colorado General Assembly passed [SB21-038: Expansion of Complementary and Alternative Medicine](#), with the Governor's signature, expanding this waiver statewide and adding more qualifying medical conditions. The expanded waiver will offer complementary and integrative health services in addition to many other HCBS services to HCBS members living with a spinal cord injury (traumatic and nontraumatic), multiple sclerosis, brain injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, or cerebral palsy with the inability for independent ambulation resulting from one of these conditions.

The HCBS-SCI waiver statewide expansion will be effective and available for enrollment July 1, 2022. A full list of services and FAQs is on the [Spinal Cord Injury Waiver webpage](#). This webpage will redirect to the Complementary and Integrative Waiver webpage July 1, 2022.

Due to the expansion of qualifying conditions, stakeholders requested an update to the name of the waiver. The new name will be the "Home and Community-Based Services Complementary and Integrative Health (HCBS-CIH) Waiver". The Department anticipates this name change transition will take many months to be fully completed. Counties, CMAs, and providers may begin using and updating any materials with the new name immediately. The Department suggests keeping references to the SCI waiver along with the new CIH waiver name to avoid confusion until the Department's information technology (IT) systems and documents are fully updated.

Anticipated Timeline of IT and System Waiver Name Changes

Although the waiver's name will change effective July 1, 2022, use of the term "the SCI waiver" will be retained in the Benefits Utilization System (BUS), the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS), the Bridge, and eligibility verification/benefit plan

information maintained in the Colorado interChange Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) until Go Live of the new Care and Case Management System.

Upon Go Live of the new Care and Case Management System, and the retirement of the BUS, all IT systems will reflect the new CIH waiver name. The Department will communicate with impacted stakeholders accordingly at that time.

Availability of CIH Service Providers Statewide

The Department is actively recruiting and enrolling acupuncturists, chiropractors, and massage therapists onto the CIH Waiver (formerly the SCI Waiver). When a CIH service provider is enrolled, the Department will notify local CMAs and update the Medicaid Provider Portal and CIH Waiver webpage.

If you are an employer and would like to receive CIH service, please contact your case manager.

Training for CMAs for the new HCBS-CIH Waiver (formerly the SCI Waiver)

Training for CMAs statewide will be held June 22, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. ([register here for the zoom training](#)). The training will be recorded and will be available with slides on the Department [Long-Term Services and Support Training webpage](#) after the training.

Attachment:

The SCI Waiver Expansion and Waiver Name Change FAQs

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