



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform stakeholders of an upcoming meeting hosted by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) to discuss and receive feedback related to Residential Habilitation Services and Supports (RHSS) and Supported Community Connections (SCC) services being provided by the same direct care provider. This meeting is open to all interested stakeholders, including Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver members, guardians and relatives of members, advocates, and representatives of providers and Case Management Agencies serving individuals who receive SCC services and RHSS through the HCBS Developmental Disabilities (DD) and Supportive Living Services (SLS) waivers.

Information:

On July 23, 2021, the Department issued [Operational Memo 21-054](#), which stated that a member's live-in paid direct care provider - Family Caregiver, group home provider,

and host home provider - can no longer provide SCC services, beginning September 1, 2021. The purpose for issuing OM 21-054 was to ensure compliance with federal regulation that strictly prohibits the duplication of services and payments and return to the original benefit guidance. However, after receiving feedback expressing concern for this rollback, in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to the Direct Care Workforce shortage, the Department paused the rollback of the allowance for members to continue receiving both RHSS and SCC from the same direct care provider through [Operational Memo 21-062](#). This policy continues to remain in place under our emergency waiver authority until a future date determined by the Department.

During the fall of 2022, the Department hosted several stakeholder meetings specific to the long-term implementation of flexible service provisions allowed throughout the pandemic under Day Habilitation services. One of those flexibilities being the allowance for the same direct care provider to provide both RHSS and SCC services with the DD waiver. The Department has proposed several iterations of revisions to service definitions changes to better distinguish the community integrations requirements under each service, to ensure there is no longer a real, or perceived, duplication of services occurring. The Department has presented several rounds of proposed revisions to stakeholders, received feedback, and made additional changes based on stakeholder input.

Stakeholder Engagement Opportunity

At this time, the Department seeks to further engage providers, waiver members, family members, advocates, and Case Managers through a stakeholder meeting to propose a semi-final revision to the service definitions related to the community integration requirements under RHSS and SCC services. During this meeting, stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide comments, suggestions and ask questions regarding the proposed service definition changes. Stakeholders interested in this topic are encouraged to hold the date for the following engagement opportunity:

RHSS & SCC Stakeholder Engagement Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2022, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. MT

[Webinar Link for the meeting](#)

Call-In Phone Number: 1-833-548-0276

Webinar ID: 811 9126 0339, Passcode: 878592

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Attachment(s):

None

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