



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) invites the public to comment on proposed waiver amendments to nine (9) of Colorado’s Home and Community-Based (HCBS) 1915(c) 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), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), Complementary and Integrative Health (CIH), Developmental Disabilities (DD), Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD), and Supported Living Services (SLS).

Information:

HCPF intends to submit waiver amendments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023. HCPF will request an effective date of Jan. 1, 2024, for the amendments.

The proposed waiver amendments include the following changes:

- Home Modification Lifetime Cap Update (BI, CMHS, EBD, CIH)
- Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptations Formal Language Addition (BI, CES, CIH, CMHS, EBD, SLS)
- Increase Expense Limit for HCBS Transition Services Setup (BI, CMHS, DD, EBD, CIH, SLS)
- CHRP Benefit Titles Reformatting (CHRP)
- Vehicle Modification Language Addition (CES, SLS)
- Parent Education Service Name Change (CES)
- Wellness Education Benefit (WEB) Addition (CHCBS)
- Development of Respite Specialties (CES, CHRP)
- Overnight Respite Clarification (CHRP)
- Removal of Old Age Pension (OAP) Standards (EBD, BI, CMHS)

For a more detailed summary of all changes, please go to HCPF's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition> 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.

The public comment period is open for 30 days, from August 10, 2023, through Sept. 8, 2023. Comments should be submitted to HCPF through the following routes:

- By Email: HCPF_LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us
- By Phone: 303-866-3684
- By US Mail: Attention: HCBS Waiver Amendments, 1570 Grant St., Denver, CO 80203
- By Fax: Attention HCBS Waiver Amendments 303-866-2786

Attachment(s):

None

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