



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform stakeholders that the 2023 Fall 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver amendments submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in September were approved. CMS approved the amendments to the following HCBS waivers with an effective date of Jan. 1, 2024: Persons with Brain Injury (BI); Children’s Extensive Supports (CES); Children’s Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS); Children’s Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP); Complementary and Integrative Health (CIH); Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS); Developmental Disabilities (DD); Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD); and Supported Living Services (SLS).

The approved waiver amendments include the following changes:

- Home Modification Lifetime Cap Updated from \$14,000 per member lifetime total to \$14,000 waiver lifecycle per member or every five years when the waiver is renewed (BI, CMHS, EBD, CIH)
- Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptations Formal Language Clarification that work completed prior to approval may not be reimbursed (BI, CES, CIH, CMHS, EBD, SLS)
- Increase Expense Limit for HCBS Transition Services Setup from \$1,500 to \$2,000 (BI, CMHS, DD, EBD, CIH, SLS)
- CHRP Benefit Titles Reformatting (CHRP)
- Vehicle Modification Language Clarification that work completed prior to approval may not be reimbursed (CES, SLS)
- Parent Education Service Name Change to Primary Caregiver Education (CES)
- Wellness Education Benefit (WEB) Addition (CHCBS)
- Development of Respite Specialties which include Skilled, Therapeutic, and unskilled (CES, CHRP)
- Overnight Respite Clarification that services may be provided in a certified foster home, kinship home, Group Home, or Residential Child Care Facility (RCCF) (CHRP)
- Removal of Old Age Pension (OAP) Standards (EBD, BI, CMHS)

Information:

To view the full approved waiver applications, please visit HCPF's website at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/hcbs-waivers#Approved>.

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