



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) members, stakeholders, and providers that the 1915(c) HCBS waiver amendments and renewals submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 7, 2025, were approved.

Information:

CMS approved the amendments for the following 1915(c) HCBS waivers with an effective date of July 1, 2025:

- Brain Injury (BI)

- Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- Children's Extensive Supports (CES)
- Children's Habilitation Residential Supports (CHRP)
- Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD)
- Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS)
- Supported Living Services (SLS)

CMS approved the renewal for the following 1915(c) HCBS waivers with an effective date of July 1, 2025:

- Complementary and Integrative Health (CIH)
- Children with Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI)

Upon this approval, the CLLI waiver has merged with the Children's Home and Community Based Services (CHCBS) waiver and is being retitled as the Children with Complex Health Needs (CwCHN) waiver.

The approved waiver amendments and renewals include the following changes:

- Addition of Wellness Education Benefit (WEB) Vendor (BI, CES, CHRP, CwCHN, CIH, CMHS, DD, EBD, SLS)
- Children with Complex Health Needs (CWCHN) Merged Waiver (CHCBS, CLLI, CwCHN)
- Extraordinary Cleaning Services Clarification (CES, SLS)
- Community Connector Service Limitation (CES)
- Support Intensity Scale (SIS) Decommission (DD, SLS)
- Performance Measure Updates (All Waivers)
- Respite Language Updates (EBD, CMHS, BI, CIH, SLS, CHRP, CES, CwCHN)
- HCBS Settings Final Rule Updates (All Waivers)
- Cost Neutrality Demonstration Update (All Waivers)

- Rate Changes (BI, CES, CIH, EBD, CMHS, CwCHN, SLS)
- Miscellaneous Corrections (CIH, CwCHN)

To view the full approved waiver amendments and renewal applications, please visit the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) website at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/hcbs-waivers>.

Attachment(s):

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