

# SCI Advisory Committee

January 7, 2022

Presented by: Kacey Wardle (HCPF) &  
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**AGENDA**  
**Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Advisory Committee**  
**Department of Health Care Policy & Financing**

Friday January 7, 2022  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join by Google Meet:  
[meet.google.com/ivb-iuxo-hww](https://meet.google.com/ivb-iuxo-hww)

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**Meeting Purpose:** To advise the Department as it reviews elements of the Spinal Cord Injury waiver and its expansion to a statewide Complementary and Integrative Health waiver.

**1. Introductions**

- Chanda Hinton - Committee Co-Chair

**2. Committee Business**

- Regulation & Waiver Proposed Language Presentation
  - Lindsay Westlund (HCPF) and Kacey Wardle (HCPF)
- Provider Recruitment, Enrollment and Training
  - Kacey Wardle (HCPF) and Chanda Hinton (Chanda Plan Foundation)
- Future Meeting Topics:
  - 2022: Provider Enrollment and Recruitment

**3. Public Comment**

**4. Adjourn**

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# Provider Enrollment

- Recruitment: HCPF / Chanda Plan
- Enrollment: Chelsea Morehouse, HCHF, Operations and Enrollment Analyst
- Initial Training: Kacey Wardle (HCPF) / Chanda Hinton (Chanda Plan)
- Ongoing support and technical training: HCPF



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# Draft Provider Definitions

- Acupuncture means the insertion of needles and/or manual, mechanical, thermal, electrical, and electromagnetic treatment to stimulate specific anatomical tissues for the promotion, maintenance and restoration of health and prevention of disease both physiological and psychological. During an acupuncture treatment, dietary advice and therapeutic exercises may be recommended in support of the treatment
- Chiropractic means the use of manual adjustments (manipulation or mobilization) of the spine or other parts of the body with the goal of correcting and/or improving alignment, neurological function, and other musculoskeletal problems. During a chiropractic treatment, nutrition, exercise, and rehabilitative therapies may be recommended in support of the adjustment.



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# Draft Provider Qualifications

- Acupuncturists shall be licensed by the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Registrations as required by the Acupuncturists Practice Act (Section 12-29.5-101, C.R.S.). Additionally, acupuncturists shall have at least one (1) year experience practicing Acupuncture at a rate of 520 hours per year OR at least one (1) year of experience working with individuals with paralysis or other long term physical disabilities; AND have completed training on disability competent care as defined by the Department.



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# Proposed Draft Language

1. Waiver Amendments: 30-day comment period after January 28, 2022. (Julie Masters, HCPF)
2. Rules and Regulations: After 30-day comment period, and any changes, we will present to the Medical Board in April 2022.



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# Statue

- New Statute Definition:

(I) Be diagnosed with a PRIMARY CONDITION OF A spinal cord injury, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, A BRAIN INJURY, SPINA BIFIDA, MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, OR CEREBRAL PALSY, WITH THE TOTAL INABILITY FOR INDEPENDENT AMBULATION DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM ONE OF THESE DIAGNOSES;



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# Waiver Title

- Current Language:
  - HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY WAIVER (HCBS-SCI)
- Proposed Change:
  - HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES COMPLEMENTARY AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH WAIVER (HCBS-CIH)





# Persons Served

- Current Language:
  - The Home and Community-based Services for Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (HCBS-SCI) waiver provides assistance to **individuals with spinal cord injuries in the Denver Metro Area** that require long-term supports and services in order to remain in a community setting.
- Proposed Changes:
  - The Home and Community-based Services Complementary and Integrative Health (HCBS-CIH) waiver provides assistance to **individuals living with a primary condition of a spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, a brain injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, or cerebral palsy resulting in the inability for independent ambulation** that require long-term supports and services in order to remain in a community setting.



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# Target Eligibility

- Current Language:

2. Individuals shall have a diagnosis of Spinal Cord Injury. This diagnosis must be outlined in 8.517.2.1 and documented on the individual's Professional Medical Information Page (PMIP) and in the Uniform Long-term Care 100.2 (ULTC 100.2) assessment tool.

3. Individuals shall have been determined to have a significant functional impairment as evidenced by a comprehensive functional assessment using the ULTC 100.2 assessment tool that results in at least the minimum scores required per Section 8.401.1.15.

- Proposed Changes:

2. Individuals shall have a qualifying primary condition of a spinal cord injury (traumatic or nontraumatic), multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, or cerebral palsy as defined by broad diagnoses related to each condition within the most current version of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) at the time of assessment or a brain injury defined in Section 8.515.3. Qualifying primary conditions must be documented in the individual's Professional Information Medical Page (PMIP).

3. Individuals shall have been determined to have inability for independent ambulation as evidenced by a comprehensive functional assessment.



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# CIHS Plan

- Complementary and Integrative Health Services (CIHS) Plan
- Keep annually
- Case Management Agencies are requesting providers send to CM during the review process
- Want to make these as informative, useful and least burdensome as possible



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# Thank you!

