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Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Amendments and Renewals Fact Sheet

The Department intends to submit amendments for the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers:

- Children’s Extensive Supports (CES)
- Children’s Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS)
- Children’s Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP)
- Children with Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI)
- Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)
- Supported Living Services (SLS)

The Department intends to submit renewals for the following HCBS waivers:

- Persons with Brain Injury (BI)
- Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS)
- Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD)

The Department will accept public comments from February 3 through March 4, 2022. The Department intends to submit the amendments and renewals to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 11, 2022. The Department will request an effective date of July 1, 2022 for both waiver amendments and renewals.

Explanations of changes within the waiver applications can be found below.

Public Comments will be accepted from February 3 through March 4, 2022.

Summary of Changes

Persons with Spinal Cord Injury Alignment with SB21-038

The alignment will include the following updates: changing waiver title to reflect expanded eligibility criteria, removing geographic restrictions on service, adding all Colorado’s Single Entry Points (SEPs), expanding eligibility criteria according to new statute, updating language to reflect new title and the expanded population served, changes to enrollment forecasts and budget projections, separating Complementary



& Integrative Services into three discrete service lines, and updating CDPHE provider surveying responsibilities (SCI).

Add Working Adults with Disabilities for 65+

The Department is amending Appendix B in the waiver application to reflect SB20-33 which authorizes continued participation in the Medicaid Buy-In Program for working adults with disabilities who are 65 years old and older (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, and SLS).

Update Number of Single Entry Points (SEPs)

The number of Case Management Agencies stated in the waiver application will change from 22 to 21 as Rocky Mountain Health Plan (RMHP) assumes case management responsibilities for Rio Grande and Mineral Counties, previously held by Rio Grande County Options for Long Term Care (BI, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, and SCI).

Case Manager Qualifications Update

The Department will update the qualifications for individuals who conduct Level of Care eligibility determination screens and Person-Centered Support Planning. This update will expand the pool of individuals qualified to provide these services and has already been approved in our Appendix K public health emergency temporary waiver adjustments (all waivers).

Remote Supports Service

The Department is adding the Remote Supports Benefit per Senate Bill SB 21-205 (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, and SLS).

Update to Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) Provider Specifications

The Department will be updating DD and SLS to replace CDPHE with the Transportation Administrative Service Organization for provider verifications (DD and SLS).

Change in Competitive Bid Requirements

The Department will be updating the requirement from 3 to now 2 competitive bids to align with regulations for Home Modifications, Home Accessibility Adaptations, and Vehicle Modifications (BI, CES, CMHS, EBD, SCI, and SLS).



CDASS and IHSS Updates

The individual Attendant Minimum Age is being updated to 16 from 18 in both the Consumer-Directed Attendant Supports and Services (CDASS) and In-Home Support Services (IHSS) programs. This change was proposed by the Participant-Directed Programs Policy Collaborative to address workforce capacity concerns. In addition, the Department is updating language in Appendices A, C, and E for CDASS and IHSS to align with current policies and procedures (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, and SLS).

Prior Approval/Authorization during Emergency

The Department is updating the prior approval/authorization flexibility to authorize access to services before the service plan revision is completed in times of emergency or when there is an urgent situation concerning the health and welfare of members (all waivers).

Update to Critical Incident Processes to Include Setting Evacuations

In the event an individual must evacuate their current setting, the Department has developed processes that will ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the client while allowing for additional flexibility in the location and timeliness of the critical incident reporting due to the emergent need. These processes have already been approved through the Appendix K (all waivers).

Minor Revisions to Appendix H

Minor revisions to Appendix H will include clarifying language on sampling method, adding discussion on the new assessment tool and universal case management system planned for implementation in Spring 2022 that promises to streamline processes in identifying member needs and coordinating support, and correcting typos (all waivers).

Language Update in BI's Appendix A and C

Removal of language in Appendix A and C for the waiver regarding ACFs. In Appendix A, ACF will be removed from language stating they are surveyed by CDPHE. In Appendix C, language will be removed that indicates respite can be offered in an Alternative Care Facility (ACF). ACF is not a Department-approved provider type for BI Respite (BI).

CES and SLS Overall Service Plan Limit Increase

The overall service plan limit is being increased for both the CES and SLS waivers (CES, SLS).



Temporary Increase for Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptation

During the COVID 19 public health emergency, temporary increases to the lifetime cap or lifecycle cap for Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptation were approved through the Appendix K amendment to ensure clients' health and welfare by facilitating their continuing to live in their home and community. The Department is updating Home Modification and Home Accessibility Adaptation Services to include language for this temporary service limit increases approved in the Appendix K amendment (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, DD, SLS).

Adult Day Appendix J Update

The Department is collapsing Tier 2 and Tier 3 into a single service line in the Adult Day service. The two former service lines only differed in the number of units used. The new tier or service line will be referred to as "Adult Day Tier 2 and Tier 3" (CMHS, EBD, SCI).

Updates to Cost Neutrality Demonstration

The Cost Neutrality Demonstration in Appendix J will be updated to reflect inclusion of the most recent annual data/financial reporting on home and community-based services performance (all waivers).

Performance Measure Updates

The Department will update performance measures throughout the waiver application to streamline efficiencies in measuring assurance compliance (all waivers).

Miscellaneous Corrections

The Department will make corrections for spelling errors and typos as well as revise out-of-date statutory or regulation citations in the three waiver renewals (BI, CMHS, EBD).

Public Comment Opportunity

The Department will post drafts of the waiver amendment/renewal applications on the Department's website at hcpf.colorado.gov/hcbs-public-comment for public comment.

- The Department will make available a draft of the waiver amendments/renewals for a 30-day public comment period from February 3 through March 4, 2022.



- The Department commits to incorporating comments, concerns, and suggestions when and wherever possible.
- All comments and responses will be recorded in a listening log that will be posted on the Department's website after the public comment period ends.

To request a paper or electronic copy of the waiver amendments including the full draft waiver and/or to provide public comment, please do so by:

- Phone: 303-866-3684
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