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Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Amendments Fact Sheet – Spring 2021

The Department intends to submit amendments for the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) 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)
- Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI)
- Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS)
- Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD)
- Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)
- Supported Living Services (SLS)

The Department will accept public comments from February 25, 2021 through March 26, 2021. The Department intends to submit the amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on April 2, 2021. The Department will request an effective date of July 1, 2021 for these waiver amendments.

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

Public Comments will be accepted from February 25 - March 26, 2021.

Summary of Changes

Update waiver to reflect new Level of Care Eligibility Determination Screen (LOC Screen), Assessment, and Person-Centered Support Plan (PCSP)

The Department is legislatively mandated to implement a single assessment process for all individuals seeking or receiving Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS), including individuals with intellectual disabilities per SB 16-192. The Department collaborated with stakeholders to develop new processes for eligibility determinations, needs assessments, and support planning. The new processes will be person-centered, enhance self-direction, and facilitate greater coordination of services, as well as be equally applicable to adults with disabilities and children. The new process will be automated in a State case

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management IT system. The Department is updating Appendices B and D to reflect the new LOC screen, Assessment, PCSP, and State case management IT system in all 10 HCBS waivers.

Addition of Telehealth as a Service Delivery Option

Telehealth has been authorized for use as a service delivery method for specific HCBS waiver services through CMS's approval of Appendix K. The Department is pursuing CMS approval for the permanent allowance of Telehealth as a service delivery option for the following waiver services and waivers:

- Peer Mentorship (SLS, DD, EBD, CMHS, SCI, BI),
- Mentorship (SLS)
- Supported Employment-Job Coaching and Supported Employment -Job Development - Individual (SLS, DD)
- Community Connector (CES, CHRP)
- Independent Living Skills Training (BI)
- Life Skills Training (EBD, SCI, CMHS, SLS)
- Wrap Around and Intensive Support Services (CHRP)
- Behavioral Services – Line Staff, Counseling, Assessment and Consultation (SLS, DD)
- Mental Health Counseling (BI)
- Substance Abuse Counseling (BI)
- Movement Therapy (CES, CHRP, SLS)
- Expressive Therapy (CLLI)
- Therapeutic Life-Limiting Illness Support and Bereavement Counseling (CLLI)
- Palliative and Supportive Care (CLLI) – Pain and Symptom Management and Care Coordination

Update Appendix G Participant Safeguards

The language in all waivers is being updated in Appendix G to reflect approved wording used in the renewal of the SCI waiver last year (BI, CES, CHCBS, CHRP, CLLI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SLS, SCI).

Addition of Relative Provider to Community Connector Service

The service definition for Community Connector in Appendix C will now include Relative as a provider so that family members can furnish the service to CHRP waiver program members.



Addition of Sick Pay to Consumer-Directed Attendant Supports and Services (CDASS)

Addition of language to the waiver applications regarding the implementation of Senate Bill 20-205 in CDASS. Updates include additional FMS (Financial Management Service) responsibilities (Appendix A) and discussion in Appendix E Participant-Direction of Services (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS).

Language updates to performance measurements (PMs)

Updates to various PMs are being implemented to reflect:

- CMS request to alter the representative sample in PM D.c.1 to reflect a more specific pool on which the measurement is based (all waivers);
- Removal of PM G.c.5 (CHRP, BI);
- Adjustments to the language contained in Appendix G PMs (all waivers); and
- Alignment of Appendix B and D PMs to reflect the new LOC Screen, Assessment, PCSP, and State case management IT system (all waivers).

Update Appendix J Projections and Unduplicated counts

Unduplicated counts and projections for total users, units per user, and total expenditures by service are being revised to reflect re-forecasting based upon the inclusion of the last 372 financial reports (all waivers).

Public Comment Opportunity

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

- The Department will make available a draft of the Waiver Amendments for a 30-day public comment period from February 25, 2021 through March 26, 2021.
- 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
- Email: HCPF_LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us
- Postal Mail: Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203, ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments
- Fax: 303-866-2786 ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments

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