



Children's Home and Community Based Services Waiver Amendment

The Colorado State Department of Health Care Policy and Financing intends on submitting the waiver amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) on 8/21/15. A summary of these changes are provided below.

To request a paper or electronic copy of any materials, including the full draft waiver and/or provide public comment please call Lana Mutters phone: 303-866-2050, Email: HCBS_Rules_Submission@state.co.us
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Public Comments will also be accepted at: HCBS_Rules_Submission@state.co.us. Public Comments will be accepted from July 15, 2015 to August 14, 2015.

Summary of Waiver Amendment

In-Home Support Services (IHSS)

The Colorado Legislature passed House Bill 14-1357 that requires the Department to implement the following programmatic changes to IHSS:

1. Allow IHSS to be provided in the community.
2. Clarify that the client or the client's authorized representative is responsible for directing their care, including scheduling, managing, and supervising attendants.
3. Allow clients or the client's authorized representative to work with the IHSS agency to determine the amount of oversight by a licensed health care professional.

Quality Performance Measures

Included in the amendment are changes to the Quality Improvement Strategy (QIS) performance measures for new/revised CMS Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver assurances and sub-assurances. In order to operate a 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waiver, the state must address how it intends to meet specific CMS requirements known as the HCBS waiver assurances. In March 2014, CMS added/revised several assurances and sub assurances, the amendment reflects these changes.



HCBS Settings Rule Waiver Specific Transition Plan Add-Ins

The Department has updated waiver specific transition plans with new action items, updated projected end dates, and detailed progress and status reports for action items.

Guidelines for Submitting Comments

- The Department will have this draft of the Waiver Amendments and Waiver Specific Transition Plans open for public comment from July 15th to August 14th. The amendments and plans will be posted on the Department's website here: <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition>
- Individuals may request draft Waiver Amendments and Transition Plan materials via email at HCBS_Rules_Submission@state.co.us
- Comments regarding the draft Waiver Amendments and Waiver Specific Transition Plans can be emailed directly to HCBS_Rules_Submission@state.co.us
- Comments can also be addressed to the following:
ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203
303-866-2050
- All comments and responses will be maintained in a regularly updated listening log kept on the Department's website found here: <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition>

The Department commits to incorporating comments, concerns, and suggestions into the proposed transition plan when possible.

