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Children with Autism Waiver Amendment Summary

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The Department is proposing an expansion for the Home and Community Based Services Children with Autism (HCBS-CWA) Waiver.

The scope of the expansion includes:

- Increasing the age limit for entrance onto the waiver from the child's sixth (6) birthday to their eighth (8) birthday.
- Allowing three (3) years of services for all eligible children from the time they enter into the program
- Eliminating the cap on the number of children that may enroll in the waiver.
- Increasing the client annual expenditure from \$25,000 to \$30,000 and allowing this amount to adjust with provider rate increases/decreases.
- Allowing the current program evaluation to continue annually.

The HCBS-CWA waiver provides behavioral therapy for children diagnosed with autism. Behavioral therapy is the only service provided for HCBS-CWA clients. Case management for the HCBS- CWA Waiver is provided by Community Centered Boards and one private case management agency. Clients who receive HCBS-CWA waiver services are eligible for all other Medicaid State Plan benefits, including long term home health services.

The amendment will be submitted to CMS by March 9, 2015.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the CWA Expansion or would like to request any information to be mailed to you, including the full waiver, please send an email to: CWAexpansion@state.co.us

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