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To: All Stakeholders

From: Josh Negrini, HCBS-DD Waiver Coordinator

Date: July 13, 2017

Subject: COMMUNICATION BRIEF - Home and Community Based Services- for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) Waiver Amendment: Request for Public Comment

Purpose: To inform stakeholders of the opportunity to provide public comment on an amendment to the HCBS-DD waiver.

Background: Per the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's (the Department) agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if there are necessary changes to a federally approved Home and Community Based Services waiver, then the Department must submit a waiver amendment.

Procedure or Information: The Department is amending the following sections of the HCBS-DD waiver:

Appendix A-3: revision to add DentaQuest as a contracted entity to perform services as an Administrative Services Organization for the management of waiver dental services and to add performance measures relative to DentaQuest's functions as a contracted entity.

Appendix B-3: revision to increase the unduplicated count for waiver years 4 and 5 to reflect actual enrollment trends.

Appendix C-1-a: revision to remove outdated rule citations.

Appendix D-1, 1-c, 1-d, 2-a and 2-b: revision of regulatory citations to reflect current citations in the rules at 10 CCR 2505-8.6.

Appendix F-1, 2-b and 3-b: revision of regulatory citations to reflect current citations in the rules at 10 CCR 2505-8.6.



Appendix G-1-b, 1-d, 2-a-i, 2-a-ii, 3-b-i and 3-c-ii: revision of regulatory citations to reflect current citations in the rules at 10 CCR 2505-8.6.

Appendix G-1-b: revision to the timeline for reporting requirement for critical incident reports by Community Centered Boards (CCB) to the Department to within 24 hours and that the definitions of critical incident categories are available in the May 2017 Critical Incident Reporting Requirements training PowerPoint.

Appendix G-1-e: revision to require the Department to review and evaluate each reported critical incident within 24 hours upon receipt.

Appendix G-Quality Improvement: revision to include performance measures in a.-i.a that demonstrate that on an on-going basis it identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent instances of abuse neglect, exploitation and unexplained death.

Appendix G- Quality Improvement: revision to include a performance measures in a-i-b that demonstrate than an incident management system is in place that effectively resolves those incidents and prevents further similar incidents.

Appendix I-2-a: revision to the rate methodology for Non-Medical Transportation to reflect the 7.01% targeted rate increase approved by the Colorado General Assembly July 1, 2017.

Appendix I- Quality Improvement: revision to add a performance measure that to address the number and percent of paid claims within a representative sample with adequate documentation that services were rendered.

Appendix J-1 and 2: revision to incorporate a 1.4% across the board rate increase approved by the Colorado General Assembly effective July 1, 2017. Revision also reflects the targeted rate increase for Non-Medical Transportation.

Action: All comments received regarding the proposed changes to the waiver amendment will be documented verbatim, including transcription of telephone calls, and posted on the Department's website. The Department will provide a written response that addresses all received comments distributed in a Communication Brief to Stakeholders.

The draft amendment is not attached to this brief due to its size. The HCBS-DD waiver amendment can be accessed via the Public Comment web form at this link:

www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition.



Follow this link to [view additional information regarding the HCBS-DD waiver](#).

Public comment is open for 30 calendar days from the date of the original notification July 12, 2017- August 11, 2017. Comments should be submitted to the Attention Josh Negrini, HCBS-DD Waiver Coordinator, at the Department through the following routes:

1. Website: www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition
2. Email: didd.publiccomment@state.co.us (subject line: HCBS-DD waiver amendment)
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