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**To:** All Stakeholders

**From:** Adam Tucker, Adult Services Coordinator

**Date:** July 13, 2017

**Subject:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF - Home and Community Based Services Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) Waiver Amendment: Request for Public Comment

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

Per House Bill 16-1321 the Department is adding the Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities (Buy-In). Buy-In allows individuals with disabilities whose adjusted individual income is at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level (FLP) and meet all other eligibility requirements to access services through the HCBS-SLS waiver. To add Buy-In the Department must amend its waiver and get approval from the CMS.

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

**Main 8-B:** The Colorado General Assembly approved a 7.01% targeted rate increase for Non-Medical Transportation and a 13.0% targeted rate increase to the Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS)- Personal Care and CDASS-Homemaker services. These increases are reflected in the calculations in Appendix J.

**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 B-4 b: revision to add a new eligibility group for working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIIA Basic Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a) (A)(ii)(XV) of the act).

Appendix C-1-a: revision to remove outdated rule citations.

Appendix C-4-a: revision to increase the overall spending limit to incorporate the targeted and across the board rate increases.

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, 2-b-I, 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- 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 targeted rate increase for Non-Medical Transportation, CDASS- Homemaker (Basic) and CDASS- Personal Care services as mandated by the Colorado General Assembly. Implementation of the targeted rate increase will coincide with the approved effective date of this amendment application.

The Colorado General Assembly approved a 1.4% across the board rate increase effective July 1, 2017. This increase is reflected in the calculations in Appendix J.

**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-SLS waiver amendment can be accessed via the Public Comment website at this link:

[www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition).

Follow this link to [view additional information regarding the HCBS-SLS 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 Adam Tucker, HCBS-SLS Waiver Coordinator, at the Department through the following routes:

1. Website: [www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition)
2. Email: [didd.publiccomment@state.co.us](mailto:didd.publiccomment@state.co.us) (subject line: HCBS-SLS waver amendment)
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