



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform Stakeholders that the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver renewals submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in March 2019 and the HCBS waiver amendments submitted to CMS in April 2019 were approved.

Information:

CMS approved the renewal of the following HCBS waivers in June 2019: Persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD), Children's Extensive Support (CES), Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP), and Supportive Living Services (SLS). The HCBS waiver renewals have an effective date of July 1, 2019.

CMS approved the amendments to the following HCBS waivers in June 2019: Persons with Brain Injury (BI), Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS), Children with a Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI), Community Mental Health Support (CMHS),

Persons who are Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD), and Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI). The HCBS waiver amendments have an effective date of June 30, 2019.

To view the full approved waiver applications, please go to the Department's website at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition>.

The approved waiver renewals for the CES, CHRP, DD, and SLS waivers include the following changes:

- Updating language related to the Post Payment Review (PPR) function and oversight (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Modernizing Intellectual and Developmental Disability Language (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Adjusting references to the Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) to reflect the Department's updated organizational chart (CES, DD, SLS)
- Splitting the Professional Service into the following separate services: Hippotherapy, Massage Therapy, Movement Therapy (CES, SLS); and Recreational Facility Fees/Passes (SLS)
- Updating service definitions and provider qualifications for multiple services (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Updating Cost Neutrality Projections (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Correcting spelling and grammatical errors throughout the waiver application (CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Updating performance measures for multiple Quality Improvement Strategy sections (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Updating Case Manager (CM)/Case Management Agency (CMA) Qualification Criteria (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Updating Critical Incident definition, reporting timelines and types (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Removing the Point in Time Limitation (CES)

To review more information regarding these changes for the CES, DD and SLS waiver renewals please view the [HCBS Waiver Renewal Fact Sheet-CES-DD-SLS](#).

The approved waiver renewal for the CHRP waiver includes the following additional changes:

- Moving Administrative Authority of the Waiver Operation to the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing from the Department of Human Services
- Revising Eligibility Requirements
- Updating/Adding additional Contracted Entities
- Adding two new waiver services: Intensive Support Services and Transition Support Services
- Updating Case Management services from County Departments of Human Services to Case Management Agencies
- Updating Health, Safety and Welfare for children/youth who are not involved with Child Welfare

To review more information regarding these changes for the CHRP waiver renewal please view the [HCBS Waiver Renewal Fact Sheet-CHRP](#).

The approved waiver amendments for the BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, and SCI waivers include the following changes:

- Updating language related to the Post Payment Review (PPR) function and oversight (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Updating performance measures for multiple Quality Improvement Strategy sections (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Updating the number of waiver participants served based on recent utilization trends (CLLI)
- Updating Cost Neutrality Projections (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Updating the number of waiver participants served (CMHS)
- Adding language to I-2a to describe the public pricing methodology (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Updating the Supported Living Program (SLP) rate methodology (BI)

To review more information regarding these changes for the BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD and SCI waiver amendments please view the [HCBS Waiver Amendment Fact Sheet-BI, CHCBS, CLLI, EBD, SCI](#).

Attachment(s):

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