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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform interested stakeholders of proposed changes to the rate methodology language in Appendix I-2 of the Children's Extensive Supports (CES), Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP), Persons with a Developmental Disability (DD), and Supported Living Services (SLS) waivers. The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) is inviting stakeholders to provide feedback and ask questions regarding the proposed rate methodology language.

Information:

The Department will include changes to the rate methodology language in the CES, CHRP, DD and SLS waiver applications through waiver amendments with a requested effective date of January 1, 2020. Prior to the waiver amendments submission to the

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department is informing stakeholders of the proposal to update the rate methodology language and invites stakeholders to provide feedback or ask any questions regarding the proposed language.

The Department began updating the rate methodology language for all Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers in 2017 after CMS increased the standards by which they review and approve rates and rate methodologies for HCBS waivers. The Department initiated updating the rate methodologies language in the waiver applications by engaging stakeholders for the following waivers: Persons with Brain Injury (BI), Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS), Children with a Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), Persons who are Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD), and Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI).

Two meetings were held, the first was on May 19, 2017 and the second on June 2, 2017. The May 19, 2017 meeting coincided with the Medicaid Provider Rate Review Advisory Committee (MPRRAC) meeting to allow members and attendees to be present for the discussion. The Rate Methodology 2017 stakeholder presentation is attached to this Informational Memo. The Department also presented the rate methodology language to the Waiver Implementation Council (WIC) Rates Subcommittee Meeting on June 28, 2017. The WIC presentation is provided as an attachment. The Department subsequently updated the rate methodology in the BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, and SCI waivers waiver applications with an effective date of October 1, 2017.

The Department will be updating the CES, CHRP, DD and SLS waiver applications to reflect the methodology in the Rate Methodology Language attachment, which aligns with the rate methodologies already approved by CMS in the waivers mentioned above. The Department does not anticipate any major changes to the waivers' rates.

Current rates are located on the Department's [Provider Rates and Fee Schedule](#) web site under the HCBS Rate Schedule option.

To provide the Department with feedback or ask any questions regarding the proposed rate methodology language, please email the Department at LTSS.publiccomment@state.co.us. The Department will be accepting and responding to feedback and questions through August 9, 2019.

Attachment(s):

Rate Methodology 2017 stakeholder presentation

Waiver Implementation Council presentation

Rate Methodology Language

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