



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform all interested Stakeholders of annual timelines for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver amendment(s).

Information:

The Benefits & Services Management Division within the Office of Community Living would like to inform and share with Stakeholders a consistent annual timeline for waiver amendments for the following HCBS waivers: Brain Injury (BI), Children's Extensive Support (CES), Children's Home & Community-Based Services (CHCBS), Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP), Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), Developmental Disabilities (DD), Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD), Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), and Supported Living Services (SLS).

The Department will develop waiver amendments to have two effective dates annually, July 1 and January 1. Waiver renewals will occur according to the July 1 Effective Date timeline.

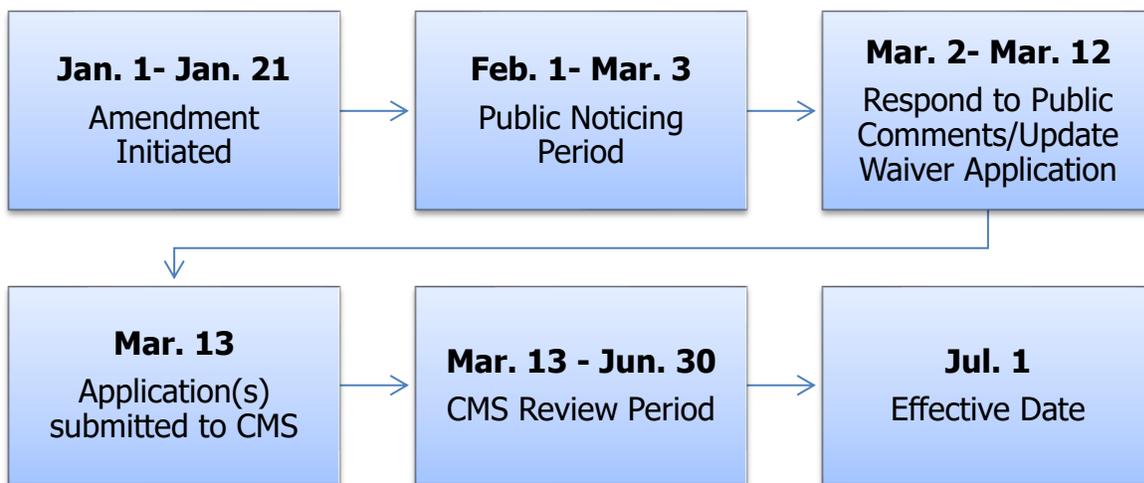
Two annual dates for waiver amendments will allow Department staff to provide stakeholders with consistent timelines for obtaining federal approval. Additionally, this

will allow Department staff to plan for projects that require rulemaking or state plan amendment processes.

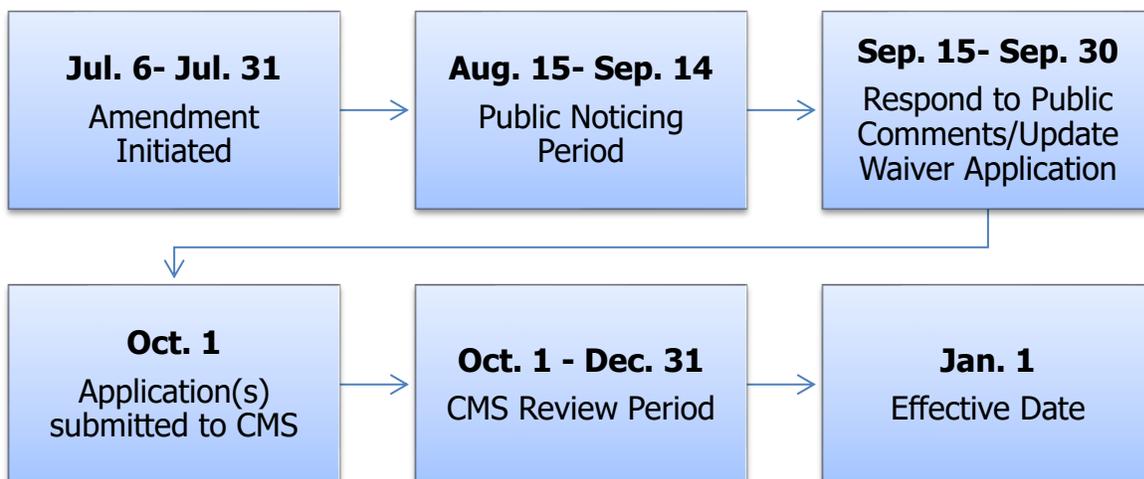
Stakeholders will now have consistent annual dates to provide feedback on proposed waiver amendments and renewals. Public noticing periods will occur in August and March of each year. Documents related to public noticing periods, including the full draft of the waiver applications, will continue to be posted to this webpage: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition>

The approximate timelines for each effective date will be as follows:

January 1 Effective Date Timeline



July 1 Effective Date Timeline/Renewal Timeline



Timeline Details:

Amendment Initiated – During this timeframe the Department updates waiver application(s) for the waiver amendments.

Public Noticing Period – This is the 30-day period required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain public input on the amendment(s).

Respond to Public Comment/Update Waiver Application(s) – The Department will respond to comments received during the Public Noticing Period. All comments will be taken into consideration and implemented or a rationale for not implementing will be provided to stakeholders.

Application(s) submitted to CMS – The waiver amendment(s) and/or renewal(s) are submitted to CMS.

CMS Review Period – This timeframe is the required 90 calendar days that CMS utilizes to review the waiver application(s). This period will end when CMS approves or disapproves the waiver application(s).

Effective Date – The date proposed to CMS for the waiver amendment to be effective.

Attachment(s):

None

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