



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 amendments and renewals submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in March 2020 were approved.

Information:

CMS approved the amendments for the following HCBS waivers with an effective date of June 30, 2020: Persons with Brain Injury (BI); Children's Extensive Support (CES); Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS); Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP); Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS); Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD); Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD); and Supported Living Services (SLS). CMS approved the renewals for the following HCBS

waivers with an effective date of July 1, 2020: Children with Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI) and Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI).

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

The approved waiver amendments and renewals include the following changes:

- Updated language related to Department of Local Affairs-Division of Housing (DOLA-DOH) Interagency Agreement (IA) Function and Oversight (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Removal of Point in Time Limitation (CLLI)
- Updated Youth Day Service definition (CES)
- Updated Supported Community Connections Service (CHRP)
- Removal of unnecessary language (EBD)
- Addition of new provider types (CHRP, CLLI)
- Intensive Support and Transition Support In-Home Support Services name change (CHRP)
- Update to Provider Qualifications and Frequency of Verification in Provider Services (EBD)
- Correct Provider Types in Respite (CLLI)
- Updated Regulation Citation (BI)
- Align Preventative Basic Dental Service Span Dates to Fiscal Year (DD, SLS)
- Designation of Abuse Screening Registry (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Addition of Critical Incident and Mistreatment Reporting Participant Education (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Updates to Quality Improvement Strategies (All)
- Updated Performance Measure Language (All)
- Updated Post Payment Review (PPR) (All)
- Updated Unduplicated Counts (BI, CES, CHCBS, CMHS, DD, EBD, SLS)
- Name change of Consumer-Directed Advisory Committee to Participant-Directed Programs Policy Committee (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Addition of services included in the Service Plan Authorization Limit (SPAL) and SPAL increase (SLS)
- Updates to Critical Incident Reporting (SCI, CLLI)
- Updated Cost Neutrality Projections (All)
- Geographical Minimum Wage Language addition (All)
- Spelling, grammar, and language updated (CLLI, SCI)

To review more information regarding these changes for the amendment please view the [Waiver Fact Sheet – 2020 Spring Amendments and Renewals](#) and the [Developmental Disabilities Waiver Amendment Fact Sheet](#).

Attachment(s):

None

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