



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) invites the public to comment on proposed waiver amendments to the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers: Persons with Brain Injury (BI), Children's Extensive Support (CES), Children's Home and 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), Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), and Supported Living Services (SLS).

Information:

The Department intends to submit the waiver amendments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 11, 2020. The Department will request an effective date of January 1, 2021. The proposed waiver amendments include the following changes:

- Update on Conflict-Free Case Management (CFCM) Implementation (All)
- Addition of Single-Entry Point (SEP) Rural Exception (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS,

- EBD, SCI)
- Update SEP composition (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
 - Inclusion of Virtual Case Management (All)
 - Update to Case Management Agency Performance Measures and Frequency of Performance Reviews (All)
 - Update language to reference the Department's obligation to terminate a CMA contract for noncompliance (All)
 - Update Critical Incident Reporting (BI, CHCBS, CMHS, EBD)
 - Update Language to reflect the removal of the Professional Medical Information Page (PMIP) in reassessment processes (All)
 - Inclusion of Digital Signatures (All)
 - Update Performance Measure (PM) Language (BI, CES, CHCBS, CHRP, CMHS, DD, EBD, SLS)
 - Add Performance Measure (BI, EBD, CMHS, SLS)
 - Update Respite Settings (BI, EBD, SCI)
 - Updates to CHRP's Intensive Supports and Transition Supports (CHRP)
 - Update Provider Qualifications for Bereavement Counseling (CLLI)
 - Update meeting frequency for Home Modification Stakeholder workgroup (BI)
 - Removal of specific vendors named in Appendix A to the more generic referent for this contracted entity role (DD, SLS)
 - Update Post-Payment Review language (All)
 - 1% Across the Board Rate Reductions (All)
 - Local Minimum Wage Increases for Denver Providers (All)
 - Rate Increase for Residential Child Care Facility (CHRP)
 - Update Consumer-Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) training vendor compensation (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS)
 - Addition of QIO Functions (BI, CHCBS, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS)
 - Update Case Management (CM) Listed Responsibilities (BI, CMHS, EBD)

For a more detailed summary of all the changes, please visit the Department's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition> to view the full draft waivers and the amendment fact sheet. You may also obtain a paper or electronic copy by calling 303-866-3684 or by writing the Department at 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203. ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments.

The public comment period is open for 30 days from August 6, 2020 through September 4, 2020.

Comments should be submitted to the Department via the following methods:

- By Email: HCPF_LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us
- By Phone: 303-866-3684

- By US Mail: Dept of Health Care Policy & Financing, ATTN: HCBS Waivers
1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203
- By Fax: 303-866-2786 ATTN: HCBS Waiver Amendments

Attachment(s):

None

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