



In-Home Support Services Waiver Amendment

The purpose of this amendment is to modify language surrounding the In Home Support Services (IHSS) service delivery option. The Colorado Legislature passed House Bill 14-1357 that requires the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing to implement programmatic changes to IHSS. These changes will go into effect on March 1, 2015.

Summary of the changes that affect the EBD waiver:

1. Allowing IHSS to be provided in the community
2. Clarifying that the client or the client's authorized representative is responsible for directing their care, including scheduling, managing, and supervising attendants
3. Allowing clients or the client's authorized representative to work with the IHSS agency to determine the amount of oversight by a licensed health care professional
4. Allowing willing and able IHSS agencies to provide support to clients without authorized representatives to participate in IHSS
5. Adding a spouse as an eligible family member who may act as an attendant providing IHSS
6. Removing the 444 hour per year family member reimbursement limit for personal care and establishing a new 40 hour per week family member reimbursement limit for personal care

Included with this amendment are updated projections within Appendix J to reflect revised projections caused by these programmatic changes.

The general rate increase and the unduplicated client count were added in amendment CO.0006.R07.03, but are currently still pending.

The increase in the Home Modification limit, adding clarifying language to Personal Care services, adding the Fiscal Management System change to the Consumer Direction Attendant Support Services, modifying the unduplicated client count, and the addition of the EBD Waiver Specific Transition Plan were added to amendment CO.006.R07.02, but are currently pending.