

Multiple Waiver Renewals Executive Summary, July 2023

Introduction

In accordance with legislation passed in the 2023 General Session, the Utah Department of Health and Human Services will be amending 8 home and community-based services waiver programs. Requirements in house bill 290 will be completed for the Medically Complex Children's Waiver and caregiver compensation requirements from senate bill 106 will be added to the Community Supports, Community Transitions, Limited Supports, Physical Disabilities, and Acquired Brain Injury Waivers.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) changes will also be made to waivers where reimbursement has increased during the public health emergency and need to be continued through the rest of the Federal authorization period. Several of the waivers listed above, as well as the New Choices and Aging Waivers will have these provider payment increases continued.

Public Input

Public input will be sought in the following ways:

- Providing the information to the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)
- Meeting with the Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (UIHAB)
- Posting the draft online and providing a 30-day public comment period.
- Reviewing and responding to comments after the 30-day public comment period and making decisions about further amending the waiver to incorporate additional comments received.

Final review, approval and submission of the waiver application will be completed by the State Medicaid Director.

Medically Complex Children's Waiver

- Changing point-in-time figures from 710 to 900 children
- In-person visits by RN Case Managers to be changed to annual (currently semi-annual)

Community Supports, Community Transitions, Acquired Brain Injury and Physical Disabilities Waivers

- Adding ARPA language to continue provider rate increases
- Addition of parent/guardian caregiver compensation

Limited Supports Waiver

- Adding ARPA language to continue provider rate increases
- Addition of parent/guardian and spousal caregiver compensation

New Choices and Aging Waivers

- Adding ARPA language to continue provider rate increases
- Updating rates due to appropriations from the 2023 General Session

Public Comments will be accepted through August 27, 2023 and may be submitted through any of the following methods:

Online: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/ltc-2>

Via phone: 801-538-6155 option 5

Via fax: 801-323-1593

Via mail:

Utah Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Integrated Healthcare
Attn: HCBS Waiver Public Comments
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Questions and comments about the draft waiver amendments are welcome and can be submitted to:

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