



LIMITED SUPPORTS WAIVER

Executive Summary, November 2020

Introduction

In order to support legislation passed in the 2020 General Session (SB 44), the Department of Health acting as the State Medicaid Agency (SMA) will be submitting a new 1915(c) waiver request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This submission will take place following a 30-day public comment period and response to feedback received.

The SMA is the single state agency that retains administrative authority of the Limited Supports Waiver. The Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) under the Department of Human Services (DHS) provides the day-to-day administrative activities for Limited Supports Waiver participants.

Drafting Process

The SMA together with a workgroup has prepared an initial draft of the waiver renewal. The workgroup was comprised of advocates, providers and State staff who convened to review the initial draft and provide input. A final draft will be created as a result of the feedback provided. We anticipate a public comment period beginning at the end of November.

Public Input

Initial public input was sought by utilizing the workgroup process described above as well as additional public input in the following ways:

- Presenting to the following groups: Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) in and Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (UIHAB) in November 2020.
- Posting the draft online and providing a 30-day public comment period. Notification of public comment will also be completed in the newspaper.
- 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.

The final draft will be completed by mid-January. Final review, approval and submission of the waiver application will be completed by the State Medicaid Director.

Overview of Waiver Proposal

The Limited Supports Waiver will service individuals with intellectual disabilities and other related conditions in addition to individuals with acquired brain injuries.

- Waiver Selection
 - Waiver enrollment will be prioritized based on time spent on the waiting list for services for the current Community Supports/Acquired Brain Injury waivers.
 - Individuals must not require out-of-home residential supports; and
 - Have a reasonable assurance that their health and safety needs can be met by the waiver's individual budget limit (\$16,400 in Waiver Year 1)
- Covered Services
 - Day Habilitation
 - Prevocational Services
 - Supported Employment
 - Behavioral Supports
 - Environmental Adaptations (Home/Vehicle)
 - Individual and Family Peer Support
 - Attendant Care
 - Specialized Medical Equipment
 - Non-Medical Transportation
 - Individual Goods and Services
 - Remote Support Equipment

Questions and comments about the draft waiver application are welcome and can be submitted to:

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