

Multiple Waiver Renewals Executive Summary, February 2023

Introduction

Utah's 1915(c) Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Technology Dependent Waiver (Tech Waiver) expires June 30, 2023. In order to continue operations of this waiver, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting as the State Medicaid Agency must submit a waiver renewal application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by March 31, 2023.

In addition, the Medically Complex Children's Waiver (MCCW) is set to expire on September 30, 2023. In order to align this waiver with the State Fiscal Year, DHHS will also be renewing this waiver early with the same anticipated March 31, 2023 deadline.

Both waivers will be seeking a July 1, 2023 effective date with the renewal applications.

DHHS is the single state agency that retains administrative authority of these waiver programs. This waiver provides the day-to-day administrative activities for technology dependent/medically fragile individuals and medically complex children.

Drafting Process

DHHS prepared an initial draft of the waiver renewal in the January of 2023. A workgroup comprised of families of participants, advocates, providers, and State staff then convened to review the initial draft and provide input. A final draft was then created as a result of the feedback provided.

Public Input

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

- Providing the information to the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)
- Meeting with the Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (UIHAB) in June 2022.
- 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.

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

Medically Complex Children's Waiver

- Inclusion of additional provider types for respite delivery
- Addition of language surrounding provider reimbursement part of the American Rescue Plan Act

Technology Dependent Waiver

- Correction of organizational units and agencies involved in the administration and oversight of the waiver program
- Addition of Caregiver Compensation as a permanent flexibility for hours which are authorized but may not be available from nursing agencies, or at the discretion of the family
- Inclusion of additional provider types for respite delivery
- Addition of language surrounding provider reimbursement part of the American Rescue Plan Act

Public Comments will be accepted through March 26, 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

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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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