



Home and Community Based Services Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) Waiver Renewal Fact Sheet

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) intends to re-submit the renewal application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for the Home and Community Based Services Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) Waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). A summary of these changes is provided below.

Public Comment Opportunity

The Department will have a draft of the CMHS Waiver Renewal posted on the Department's website at www.colorado.gov/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition for public comment.

To submit comments or request a paper or electronic copy of any waiver renewal materials, including the full draft waiver and/or provide public comment please do so by:

Email: LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us

Phone: 303-866-5181

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Public Comments will be accepted from April 27, 2017 through May 26, 2017.

Summary of Changes in Waiver Renewal

Targeting Criteria

The Department updated the targeting criteria within the waiver to note that it is available to all individuals who do not have a primary diagnosis of dementia (including Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder), ages 18 and older who meet financial eligibility requirements, nursing facility level of care, and are diagnosed with a condition as defined in Colorado Code of Regulation, 10 CCR 2505-§ 8.509.15.A.2(a)(b).

Case Management Agencies

This renewal updates the number of case management agencies from 23 to 24.



Unique Client Count

This renewal increases the number of unique clients projected on the CMHS waiver, for each waiver year.

Survey Cycles

This renewal includes an update to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) survey cycles for home care agencies and alternative care facilities from a 15-month cycle to a risk based 3-year cycle.

Quality Performance Measures

Included in the renewal are changes to the Quality Improvement Strategy (QIS) performance measures for new/revised CMS Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver assurances and sub-assurances. In order to operate a 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waiver, the state must address how it intends to meet specific CMS requirements known as the HCBS waiver assurances. In March 2014, CMS added/revised several assurances and sub assurances, the renewal reflects these changes.

Conflict Free Case Management

The renewal includes language that speaks to the Department's transition plan for Conflict-Free Case Management, as well as the pursuit of legislation to require the separation of case management from direct service provision for the same individual.

Critical Incidents

The renewal includes an update to the critical incident reporting procedures required by the Department and CDPHE.

Restraints and Restrictive Interventions

The Department has updated language regarding restraints and seclusions, clarifying regulations for each intervention, and to better align with current Department and Federal regulations.

Medication Management

The renewal includes revised language to the medication management section, as statute guiding Qualified Medication Administration Personnel (QMAP) has been revised.

Non-Federal Matching Funds

The Department updated the waiver to include Medicaid Buy-In as an additional source of state level funding.

Forecast

The renewal includes a forecast for enrollment and expenditures for the life of the waiver.



HCBS Settings Rule Waiver Specific Transition Plan

The Department has updated the waiver specific transition plan for compliance with the federal home and community based settings rule with new action items, updated projected end dates, and detailed progress and status reports for action item.

Rate Methodology

The waiver renewal includes a change to the underlying rate determination to align with Department practice. The CMHS waiver will continue to use a rate methodology that utilizes both Fee-for-Service (FFS) and negotiated market prices.

Guidelines for Submitting Comments

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- Individuals may request a copy of the full waiver renewal and/or transition plan by email, phone, fax, postal mail or in-person.
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All comments and responses will be recorded in a listening log that will be published after the public comment period ends.

- The Department commits to incorporating comments, concerns, and suggestions when possible.

