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# MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Providers Indicated**

**SUBJECT: Interaction between Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Programs and the Hospice Benefit**

Hospice Recipients who are enrolled in a HCBS waiver program may receive services from both programs. The following exceptions will be used as a guideline when authorizing waiver services.

These services do not duplicate those provided by a hospice plan of care as specified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 418.00.

## **I. HCBS Waiver Programs Operated by Community Long Term Care (CLTC):**

CLTC operates three HCBS Waivers through its statewide network of area offices. These waivers are: 1) Community Choices; 2) Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) waiver; and 3) Mechanical ventilation (VENT) waiver. The following policies apply to the interaction between HCBS waivers operated by CLTC and the hospice benefit:

**Waiver services that may be routinely authorized by CLTC for clients also receiving the Hospice benefit, if appropriate, include:**

<b>Community Choices</b>	<b>HIV</b>	<b>Vent</b>
Case Management	Case Management	
Companion		
Personal Emergency Response Service (PERS)		PERS
Personal Care I Home Maker (HM)	Personal Care I (HM)	Personal Care I (HM)
Home Delivered Meals	Home Delivered Meals	
	Two extra prescriptions	Two extra prescriptions

**Waiver services that may not be routinely authorized by CLTC for clients also receiving the Hospice benefit, but may be given special consideration on a case by case basis and require Central Office approval, include:**

<b>Community Choices</b>	<b>HIV</b>	<b>Vent</b>
Environmental Modification	Environmental Modification	Environmental Modification
	Foster Care	

**Waiver services that will not be authorized by CLTC for clients also receiving the Hospice benefit include:**

<b>Community Choices</b>	<b>HIV</b>	<b>Vent</b>
Personal Care II	Personal Care II	Personal Care II
	Private Duty Nursing	Private Duty Nursing
Incontinence Supplies Nutritional Supplies	Incontinence Supplies Nutritional Supplies	Non-Durable Medical Supplies
Attendant	Attendant	Attendant
Respite		Respite
Adult Day Health Care		

**Note:** Medical necessity and the client's individual needs will always be considered in authorizing waiver services. Some waiver services may be appropriate if the service directly benefits the recipient for non-terminal illness related care.

**II. HCBS Waiver Programs Operated by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN):**

DDSN operates two HCBS Waivers through its statewide network of local Disabilities and Special Needs Boards. These waivers are 1) the Mental Retardation or Related Disabilities (MR/RD) waiver, and 2) the Head or Spinal Cord Injuries (HASCI) waiver.

**The following waiver services in the left column may be routinely authorized by DDSN if appropriate. Those services in the right column may not be authorized for clients also receiving the Hospice benefit:**

<b>May be routinely authorized if appropriate</b>	<b>May not be authorized</b>
Residential Habilitation	Nursing Services
Extra Prescribed Drugs	Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) (MR/RD waiver)
Adult Dental (MR/RD waiver)	Adult Day Health Care Nursing (ADHC-RN) (MR/RD waiver)
Adult Vision (MR/RD waiver)	Audiology/Communication

May be routinely authorized if appropriate	May not be authorized
Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Assistive Technology: This service is limited to diapers, under pads, nutritional supports, ongoing assistive technology and PERS. <b>*Note:</b> DDSN (MR/RD) will limit this service to those items already identified on the Plan of Service. These services will not be authorized for newly requested items for waiver clients entering hospice.	Attendant Care
	Respite Care
	Behavior Support Services
	Speech/Language/Hearing
	PT
	OT
	Adult Companion (MR/RD waiver)
	Psychological Services
	Personal Care 2 (MR/RD waiver)
	Personal Care 1 (MR/RD waiver)
	Environmental Modifications
	Private Vehicle Modifications
	Day Habilitation
	Prevocational Habilitation
	Supported Employment

Provider questions concerning hospice benefits and interactions with CLTC waivers (Community Choices, HIV/AIDS, and VENT) should be directed to Susie Boykin at 803-898-2590. Questions concerning hospice interaction with DDSN waivers (MR/RD and HASCI) should be directed to George Maky at 803-898-2711 or Jon Seay at 803-898-2694.

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