

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Care Advisory Committee
Item for Committee Advisement**

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SUBJECT: Amendments to the four home and community-based waivers operated by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN)

OBJECTIVE: To add case management as a service to the following waivers: Intellectual Disabilities /Related Disabilities (ID/RD), Community Supports (CS), and Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI), and to amend the case management service in the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) waiver

BACKGROUND: At the direction of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is in the process of transforming the Medicaid Targeted Case Management (MTCM) service to bring it into compliance with federal requirements. This effort is being accomplished through a comprehensive State Plan Amendment and state policy changes. As part of the efforts to reconfigure MTCM, strict adherence to the core federal definition of MTCM has been emphasized. The definition includes four basic components: assessment; care planning; referral and linkage; and monitoring and follow-up.

For persons enrolled in a 1915(c) home and community-based waiver, case management is a vital function for these individuals, who often have multiple care needs and utilize a number of services as a part of their care plan to remain safely in the community. In addition, there are a number of assurances that the State has to make to CMS in the administration of its waivers. Assurances, like the protection of health and welfare for waiver consumers, translates into additional responsibilities for case managers. Currently, persons enrolled in the ID/RD, CS and HASCI waivers receive case management through the MTCM state plan service; case management is currently a service in the PDD waiver.

SCDHHS proposes to amend the ID/RD, CS and HASCI waivers to expand the core definition of MTCM to include additional functions associated with waiver requirements. The amendments are being finalized and the expectation is to submit the amendments to the ID/RD and CS waivers later this spring. The HASCI renewal is also pending and must be submitted to CMS by March 31. If the waiver case management amendment can be finalized before this date, it can be added to the submission; if not, a subsequent amendment will need to be filed later in the year. Additionally, an amendment to the PDD waiver will be filed to standardize the case management service to be consistent across the four SCDDSN operated waivers.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: Through these amendments, SCDHHS will mitigate some of the negative effects of implementing a market rate for MTCM and adhering to the allowable definition.

Cost estimates are being developed as a required part of the amendment submissions to CMS, and if they are finalized by the time of the MCAC meeting they will be shared.

EXTERNAL GROUPS AFFECTED: Waiver consumers and providers of case management services.

RECOMMENDATION: To submit the necessary amendments to CMS relative to waiver case management for the four waivers operated by SCDDSN.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These actions will be implemented upon CMS approval and completion of policy development, training and other administrative activities such as information technology changes.