

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

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SUBJECT: Five-year waiver renewals for the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD), and the Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (IDRD) home and community-based waiver programs.

OBJECTIVE: Update the waiver programs to address operational issues and service delivery through the following proposals:

IDRD waiver:

- Revise the Medicaid ICF/IID level of care criteria to clarify the developmental period for intellectual disability is prior to age 22;
- Address the CMS Final Rule requirements;
- Modify performance measures for quality improvement;
- Modify the waiting list procedures;
- Implement a 2 waiver service minimum related to the addition of the waiver case management service;
- Remove psychological service due to the service's availability through the State Plan;
- Revise respite service provider qualifications to expand provider availability;
- Add a non-medical transportation waiver service for various day services.

PDD waiver:

- Address the CMS Final Rule requirements;
- Modify performance measures as necessary for quality improvement;
- Modify the waiting list procedures;
- Revise reimbursement rates for EIBI services;
- Revise waiver policies to expand provider availability;
- Add Registered Behavioral Technician (RBT) as an additional qualified Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) line therapist.

BACKGROUND: The IDRD waiver program was initially approved in 1991. This renewal is a continuation of the program to serve individuals with intellectual and related disabilities. The IDRD waiver offers a wide array of home and community-based services.

The PDD waiver program was initially approved by CMS in 2007 as directed by the General Assembly to serve individuals with the Autism Spectrum Disorder. The PDD waiver offers EIBI therapy and waiver case management services.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: The renewal proposals for the IDRD waiver may increase waiver costs related to adding a non-medical transportation service, and additional respite service providers. Cost projections for these changes continue to be evaluated.

The renewal proposals for the PDD waiver may increase waiver costs related to revising EIBI therapy reimbursement rates, and the additional EIBI service providers/qualified staff. Cost projections for these changes continue to be evaluated.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

IDRD waiver:

- Improved service delivery through increased monitoring by case managers/quality measures;
- Increased availability of respite service providers.

PDD waiver:

- Improved service delivery through increased monitoring by case managers/quality measures;
- Increased availability of EIBI service providers and qualified line therapists;

EXTERNAL GROUPS AFFECTED:

- Waiver participants
- Waiver service providers

RECOMMENDATION: Proceed with submitting waiver renewals to CMS no later than September 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015 or upon CMS approval.