

Feb. 21, 2020

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **Subject: Amendment for the Community Choices Waiver and Waiver Specific Transition Plan**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) intends to file an [amendment](#) with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Community Choices (SC.0405) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver operated through the Community Long Term Care (CLTC) program. The approved effective date of the existing waiver is July 1, 2016. The effective date for the proposed waiver amendment changes is July 1, 2020, or upon CMS approval.

The following is a summary of changes included in the proposed waiver amendment:

1. **Participant Access and Eligibility:**
  - a. **Number Served:** Align the number of beneficiaries served to a point-in-time count based on appropriation from the state legislature in a given fiscal year. The point-in-time count will account for all waiver beneficiaries enrolled at the time of amendment.
  - b. **Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care:** The state is seeking to add licensed social workers as individuals qualified to perform initial assessments of waiver applicants.
2. **CMS 1915 (i) State Plan HCBS, 5-Year Period for Waivers, Provider Payment Reassignment, Setting Requirements for Community First Choice and 1915 (c) HCBS Waivers:**
  - a. CMS granted South Carolina final approval of its Statewide Transition Plan to bring settings into compliance with the federal HCBS regulations found at 42 CFR Section 441.301(c)(4)(5) and Section 441.710(a)(1)(2) on Feb. 4, 2020. Attachment #2 of the Community Choices waiver application was updated to include the following language: "The state assures that this waiver amendment will be subject to any provisions or requirements included in the states most recent approved home and community-based settings Statewide Transition Plan. The state will implement any required changes by the end of the transition period as outlined in the home and community-based settings Statewide Transition Plan."
  - b. The amendment described how adult day care settings comply with federal HCB Settings Requirements at 42 CFR Section 441.301(c)(4) (5) in Appendix C, Section C-5.

Current waiver participants will not be adversely impacted.

### **Communication:**

On Dec. 3, 2019, these changes to the waiver were presented to the SCDHHS Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) at 1801 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201. On Jan. 29, 2020, these changes to the waiver were shared during the monthly Indian Health Services conference call.

In addition, information regarding the proposed changes in the amendment and the waiver-specific transition plan will be shared with the public during the following webinar:

**Webinar:**

Community Choices Waiver Amendment

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 10 – 11 a.m.

Registration Link:

<https://scdhhs.webex.com/scdhhs/onstage/g.php?MTID=efb1661dc5f6721a0cf5ac34ac7da37a5>

A copy of this notice and the Community Choices waiver application are available at the following locations:

1. Electronic Access: [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov) (under “Public Notice” and “Waiver” sections)
2. Hardcopies:
  - a. SCDHHS Central Office Lobby: 1801 Main Street, Columbia, SC, 29201
  - b. SCDHHS CLTC Regional Offices:

Aiken CLTC

2361 S. Centennial Avenue, Building 2, Suite B  
Aiken, South Carolina 29803

Greenville CLTC

620 North Main Street, Suite 300  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Anderson CLTC

3215 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Suite H  
Anderson, South Carolina 29625

Greenwood CLTC

617 South Main Street  
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646

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North Charleston, South Carolina 29405

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191 Regional Parkway, Building A  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29118

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300 Arbor Lake Drive, Suite 900  
Columbia, South Carolina 29223

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Ridgeland, South Carolina 29936

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1201 Creel Street  
Conway, South Carolina 29527

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454 South Anderson Road, Suite 11  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

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Florence, South Carolina 29501

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101 North Pine Street, Suite 405  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29302

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30 Wesmark Court  
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

**Public Comments and Responses:**

If you have a question or comment, please send it to the following mail or email address prior to April 7, 2020:

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Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at SCDHHS, Division of Long Term Living, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201 from Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Questions will be compiled, answered and posted on the SCDHHS website under the [“Public Notice”](#) and [“Waiver”](#) sections after April 7, 2020. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of a summary of the public comments and responses, please provide your email address in correspondence you send. If you would like to review a hard copy of the summary of public comments and responses, they may be reviewed at SCDHHS CLTC Regional offices after April 7, 2020.