

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

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DATE: January 15, 2013

SUBJECT: Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) waiver program

OBJECTIVE: Submission of the HASCI waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a 5-year renewal period

BACKGROUND: Under contractual arrangements with the SC Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) have been operating the Medicaid home and community-based HASCI waiver program since 1995. Currently, the HASCI waiver is serving 631 participants with an additional 390 individuals on a waiting list. The SCDHHS has responsibility for the administrative oversight of SCDDSN's day-to-day operations.

Each HASCI waiver participant has a service coordinator who is responsible for authorizing, monitoring and coordinating service delivery to ensure the health and welfare of the participant.

SCDHHS is securing public input for the HASCI waiver renewal through a multi-step process that involves the following actions: notification to the public on the renewal on the SCDHHS listserv on December 27, 2012 and website on January 2, 2013; presentation to the Medical Care Advisory Committee on January 15, 2012; notification to the Catawba Tribal Government on December 17, 2012; a public meeting to be held on January 31, 2013; and written comments to be received until February 14, 2013.

The HASCI waiver renewal proposal includes the following substantive and technical changes:

Substantive changes

1. Addition of the following new service:
 - Incontinence Supplies - To include diapers, briefs, incontinence pads, under pads, and wipes. HASCI waiver participants will be able to receive the same quantity of supplies through a combination of the state plan and waiver services as before.
2. Removal of the following waiver services:
 - Peer Guidance for Consumer-Directed Care – Waiver population has not requested assistance to direct their own care.
 - Health Education for Consumer-Directed Care – Waiver population has not requested assistance to direct their own care.
 - Supported Employment – Services are available through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

3. Revisions to quality assurance sections:

- As recommended by CMS, the state is adding additional quality assurance performance measures.

Technical changes

There are minor changes proposed for clarification purposes for the following waiver services. HASCI waiver participants will be able to continue receiving the same waiver services as before.

- Attendant Care/Personal Assistance
- Day Activity
- Career Preparation
- Respite Care
- Environmental Modifications
- Medicaid Waiver Nursing
- Supplies, Equipment and Assistive Technology
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Private Vehicle Modifications
- Psychological Services

BUDGETARY IMPACT: Cost neutral

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Continued operation of the HASCI waiver for a new 5-year period.

EXTERNAL GROUPS AFFECTED: HASCI waiver participants would continue to receive community based long-term care services, and waiver service providers would continue to provide services for these HASCI waiver participants.

RECOMMENDATION: Submission of HASCI waiver proposal to CMS for a 5-year renewal

EFFECTIVE DATE: Waiver submission prior to April 1, 2013