

SOUTH CAROLINA

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Intellectually Disabled and
Related Disabilities (ID/RD)
Medicaid Waiver Program
Renewal Proposal

PUBLIC MEETING

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Agenda

- A. Introduction**
- B. ID/RD Waiver Renewal Proposal**
 - 1) Revise the Medicaid Intermediate Care Facility (ICF/IID) Level of Care criteria**
 - 2) Enhance the performance measures for quality improvement**
 - 3) Waiting list policy updates**
 - 4) Implement a two waiver service minimum**
 - 5) Remove psychological service**
 - 6) Explore pest control as a waiver service**
 - 7) Revise respite service provider qualifications**
- C. CMS home and community based services (HCBS) Final Rule**
- D. Future Direction of waivers**
- E. Comments and Questions**



ID/RD Waiver Renewal Proposal

- **The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is the administrative authority for Medicaid waiver programs**
- **SCDHHS contracts with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) to perform day-to-day waiver administrative operations**
- **Disability Special Need (DSN) Boards and private providers deliver the services**



ID/RD Waiver Renewal Proposal, con't

- **ID/RD waiver was initially approved in 1991. The approval of federal Medicaid waiver programs allows states to provide services to consumers in their homes and in their communities**
- **SCDHHS is seeking to renew the Medicaid home and community based ID/RD waiver for a new five year period to serve individuals with intellectual and related disabilities to promote stable home and/or community-based placement and integration; and prevent and/or delay institutionalization**
- **Proposed effective date beginning Jan. 1, 2015 and ending Dec. 31, 2019**
- **Propose multiyear-multiphasic transition towards compliance with the Final Rule**



ID/RD Waiver Renewal Proposal Level of Care

- **Revise the Medicaid Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (ICF/IID) level of care criteria:**
 - **To clarify the “developmental period” for intellectual disability means prior to age 22**

ID/RD Waiver Renewal Proposal Services

- **A minimum of two services will be required for a participant each month related to the addition of waiver case management**
- **Remove psychological waiver services related to the services' availability through the state plan**

ID/RD Waiver Renewal Proposal Services, con't

- **Exploring pest control as a waiver service**
- **Exploring non-medical transportation as a waiver service**
- **Expand respite service provider availability by utilizing personal care agencies and nursing agencies to be qualified providers for skilled and unskilled respite care**

ID/RD Medicaid Waiver Renewal Proposal

Waiting List Updates

- 1) Legislative action related to military dependents**
- 2) Require individuals to be South Carolina Medicaid Eligible**
- 3) Children and youth who receive foster care services**

ID/RD Medicaid Waiver Renewal Proposal Quality Assurance (QA)

- **The state uses each waiver renewal as an opportunity to improve its quality oversight**
- **Waiver case managers will be required to make monthly contacts and quarterly face-to-face visits with participants/families**

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule

- **Intent:**
“To ensure that individuals receiving long-term services and supports through home and community based service (HCBS) programs under the 1915(c), 1915(i), and 1915(k) Medicaid authorities have full access to benefits of community living and the opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate”

- *CMS Webinar presentation; 1/2014*



Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Final Rule, Con't

Two Primary Areas of Focus

- **Home and community based setting requirements**
 - Day and residential settings where waiver services are received
- **Person-centered planning & conflict-free case management**



Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Final Rule, con't Setting Requirements

- **Setting is part of the greater community**
- **Setting helps individuals access the greater community**
- **Individual chooses the setting from different options**
- **Builds individual's independence in making life choices**
- **Assists with individual's informed choice regarding services and who provides them**



Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule, con't Person-centered Planning

- The individual is a part of the development of their service plan
- Includes people chosen by the individual
- Good information is available for the individual to lead the process and make informed decisions
- Offers choices for services and supports for the individual
- Service plan is based on the individual's needs and preferences
- Service plan is in plain language accessible to the individual



Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule, con't Next Steps for South Carolina

- SCDHHS must submit a “Transition Plan”
- There is a draft plan for the ID/RD Waiver
- SCDHHS is seeking public comment and review
- The “SC Transition Plan” will need to be submitted with the Waiver Renewal
- The State must then create a “Master Transition Plan” for all of its waivers
- SCDHHS will hold public meetings on the “Master Transition Plan” across the state to gather public input



Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Final Rule con't

Next Steps for South Carolina

Initial Steps:

- **Determine if current residential, day, and adult day health care centers meet the HCBS Rule settings requirements**
- **Make sure all providers meet new requirements**
- **Services and provider qualifications will be reviewed to determine further compliance**
- **Policy revisions may be needed to meet requirements**



Future Direction of waivers

- **SCDHHS is planning to develop an intensive needs waiver within the next 18 months**
- **This waiver will focus on serving individuals with residential and nursing needs**

Future Direction of waivers con't

- **Individuals with non-residential and non-nursing needs on the ID/RD waiting list will be served through the Community Supports waiver (CSW) with a comparable service array**
- **The CS waiver will be amended to slightly raise the cost cap for these services**
- **SCDHHS intends to eliminate the waiting list for both waiver programs, within the next two to three years**
- **Meetings will be held to receive public input on these proposals**

ID/RD WAIVER PUBLIC MEETING

Comments/Questions

- **Written comments will be received no later than Sept. 5, 2014 to the SCDHHS website at comments@scdhhs.gov**
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