

SOUTH CAROLINA

Healthy Connections



Pervasive Developmental  
Disorder (PDD)  
Medicaid Waiver Program  
Renewal Proposal

PUBLIC MEETING

August 2014

# Agenda

- A. Introduction**
- B. PDD waiver renewal proposal**
  - 1. Revise the waiver policies to expand provider availability**
  - 2. Add the registered behavior technician (RBT) qualification**
  - 3. Enhance the performance measures for quality improvement**
  - 4. Waiting list policy updates**
- C. CMS home & community based services (HCBS) final rule**
- D. Future direction of waiver**
- E. Comments and Questions**



# PDD 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 the day-to-day waiver administrative operations**
- **The Disability and Special Need (DSN) Boards and private providers deliver the waiver services**



## PDD Waiver Renewal Proposal (con't)

- **The PDD waiver was initially approved in 2007. The approval of federal Medicaid waiver programs allows states to provide services to consumers in their homes and in their communities**
- **SCDHHS is renewing the Medicaid PDD waiver program for a new five-year period to serve individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to promote a stable home and/or community-based placement and integration; and, prevent and/or delay institutionalization**



# PDD waiver renewal proposal

## Center-Based Waiver Policy

- **Current PDD Waiver policy allows up to 50% of services be provided in a center**
- **We are considering revising this rule to allow:**
  - **Center-based-service-only providers to be chosen provider for waiver participants**
  - **Families the opportunity to access more center-based therapy and more providers**



# **PDD Waiver Renewal Proposal (con't)**

## **New Line Therapist Qualification**

- **Add a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) qualification level**
  - **Levels 1 & 2 Line Therapists require 12 hours of DDSN training**
  - **New level 3 requires 12 hours of DDSN training and an additional 40 hours of ABA training with BCAB certificate**



# **PDD 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**



# **PDD Waiver Renewal Proposal (con't)**

## **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**





# 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”**



# Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule (con't)

## Two primary areas of focus:

- Home and community based setting requirements
- Person-centered planning & conflict-free case management



# Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule (con't)

## HCB 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 and ability to make 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 made available for the individual to lead the process and make informed decisions
- Offer 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 PDD Waiver
- SCDHHS is seeking public comment and review
- The “transition plan” will be submitted with the waiver renewal
- SCDHHS must then create a “master transition plan” for all of its waiver programs
- SCDHHS will hold public meetings on the “master transition plan” across the state to gather public input



# PDD Waiver Renewal

## Future Direction of Waiver

- **The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance related to children with Autism**
- **In consultation with CMS, SCDHHS is renewing the PDD waiver to ensure continuity of care**
- **SCDHHS is collaborating with CMS to develop coverage through the Healthy Connections Medicaid Program**



# PDD Waiver Public Meeting Comments/Questions

- Written comments will be accepted no later than Sept. 5, 2014 to the SCDHHS website at [comments@scdhhs.gov](mailto:comments@scdhhs.gov)
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