

May 25, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: Proposed Renewal of the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Waiver

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice of its intent to renew the Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HАСI) Waiver for an additional five years. The waiver renewal request will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval. The requested effective date of the HАСI Waiver renewal is July 1, 2018.

The renewal request contains the following proposed changes:

- Updates addressing home and community-based services (HCBS) final rule requirements.
- Exceptions to service limits in special circumstances to prevent institutionalization.
- Additional reserve capacity for military personnel (per state legislation) and individuals being discharged from nursing homes.
- Removal of the prescription drug benefit.
- Separation of the consultation portions of the vehicle modification and assistive technology services from the actual provision of these services (per CMS direction).
- Addition of pest control and bed bug treatment services.
- Revision to the level of care criteria.
- Updates to the quality performance measures.

A copy of the public notice and a draft version of the updated waiver document is available for public review at the following locations:

- SCDHHS front lobby - 1801 Main Street, Columbia, SC
- All SCDHHS Healthy Connections Medicaid county offices
- SCDHHS website: www.scdhhs.gov
- South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs website: www.ddsn.sc.gov
- Family Connection of South Carolina website: www.familyconnectionsc.org
- South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council: www.scdcdc.state.sc.us
- Brain Injury Association of South Carolina: www.biaofsc.com

Written comments may be sent to:

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Comments may also be submitted by sending an email to comments@scdhhs.gov.

All comments must be received by June 25, 2018.