

PUBLIC NOTICE - REVISED

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed Renewals: Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) & Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD) Home and Community-Based Waivers

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) gives notice of the following proposed action regarding the five year waiver renewals for the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) and Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD) home and community-based waivers. The waiver renewals will be submitted on or before September 30, 2014. The requested effective date of the PDD and ID/RD renewals is January 1, 2015 or upon CMS approval.

The following items are proposed changes:

PDD Waiver

- Address the CMS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule requirements;
- Enhance the performance measures as necessary for quality improvement;
- Improve the waiting list procedures;
- Evaluate the reimbursement rates for EIBI services;
- Evaluate and revise the waiver policies to expand provider availability;
- Add Registered Behavioral Technician (RBT) as an additional qualified Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI) line therapist;

ID/RD Waiver

- Revise the Medicaid Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)/Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (IID) level of care criteria to clarify the developmental period is prior to age 22;
- Address the CMS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule requirements;
- Enhance the performance measures for quality improvement;
- Improve the waiting list procedures;
- Implement a two waiver service minimum related to the addition of the waiver case management service;
- Remove psychological services due to the service's availability through the State Plan;
- Revise respite service provider qualifications to expand provider availability;

Additionally, the Transition Plans for the ID/RD Waiver Renewal and the PDD Waiver Renewal are attached below and are available for public review and comment.

SCDHHS will conduct four regional public meetings to discuss the proposed waiver renewals and transition plans for public input. See schedule below:

FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 PM - Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD)
6:30 – 8:00 PM - Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD)

Date: August 12, 2014

Location: American Legion Richland, Post 6
200 Pickens Street
Columbia, SC 29205

SECOND PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 PM - Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD)
6:30 – 8:00 PM - Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD)

Date: August 14, 2014

Location: Old Village Community Building
4820 Jenkins Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

THIRD PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 PM - Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD)
6:30 – 8:00 PM - Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD)

Date: August 19, 2014

Location: Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology (SIMT)
Conference Center B
1951 Pisgah Road
Florence, SC 29502-0549

FOURTH PUBLIC MEETING

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 PM - Pervasive Development Disorder (PDD)
6:30 – 8:00 PM - Intellectually Disabled and Related Disabilities (ID/RD)

Date: August 21, 2014

Location: Kroc Center
424 Westfield Street
Greenville, SC 29601

A copy of this notice is available at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Office and at www.scdhhs.gov for public review. Additional information concerning the proposed action is available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments on the Waiver Renewals and the Transition Plans may be sent to:

Division of Community Options

South Carolina Department Health and Human Services

Post Office Box 8206

Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Comments may also be submitted to comments@scdhhs.gov. Comments must be received by September 5, 2014.