

IDRD and MCC Waiver Renewals Webinar August 27th

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thank you for that verification that you can hear and see the presentation.

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please log out of the webinar and log back in. That seems to resolve the issue.

All right,

we're gonna go ahead and get started.

Good morning, everyone.

Today's webinar is about the waiver renewals of the Intellectual Disability Related Disabilities and Medically Complex Children's Waiver Program.

Your host today includes Janice Bailiff and myself, Michelle Abney.

Your microphone and chat feature are muted for the entirety of the presentation,

but there will be opportunities to ask questions at the end of each waiver overview. When prompted, you will submit your questions by clicking on the Q&A;

A prompt at the top of your screen.

As I mentioned previously, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will submit waiver renewal requests to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the following 1915C HCBS waiver.

The IDR waiver and the MCC waiver.

Up first is the IDR waiver. Again, my name is Michelle Abney, and I am part of the waiver administration team overseeing the waivers operated by the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, or OIDD.

These waivers not only include the IDR waiver, but the community supports and head and spinal cord injury waivers as well.

The IDR waiver serves individuals with intellectual and developmental

disabilities who meet the intermediate care facility level of care.

The IDR waiver offers a variety of services, including services like personal care, respite, residential habilitation, and day programs, just to name a few.

The changes proposed in this renewal include removing the formal titles of Personal Care 1, Personal Care 2, LPN Nursing, and RN Nursing.

Several years ago, we consolidated PC1 and 2 under the single title of personal care.

And we also consolidated LPN and RN nursing to the single service title of nursing.

This just removes the old titles from the document moving forward.

The service of adult day health care transportation was also removed several years ago and is now provided through the non-emergency medical transportation broker under the state plan benefit.

This change also just removes the old title from the document.

These last three bullets will also apply to the MCC portion of the webinar, so you will be hearing this information again.

All right, let's look at bullet three.

When administering a waiver, the state must demonstrate that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for ensuring financial accountability of the waiver program.

As such, the section of the waiver document that addresses that assurance has been updated to include current information reflecting processes on how rates are established and billing and claims procedures.

Next, quality improvement strategies and measures established to ensure the waiver's adherence to governing policies and procedures have been revised.

Lastly, updated cost neutrality projections for the renewal period has been updated.

Let's talk about that a little bit more.

In its application in each year during the period that the waiver is in operation, the state must demonstrate that the waiver is cost neutral.

The average per participant expenditures for the waiver and non-waiver Medicaid services must be no more costly than the average per person cost of furnishing institutional and other Medicaid state plan services to persons who require the same level of care.

The expected effective date for the implementation of the waiver renewal is on or after January 1st, 2027.

If you have any questions or comments about the waiver renewal changes, you must send them either by e-mail or regular mail for the information you see here.

You have until Monday, September 21st, to have all of your comments in to SCDHHS.

All right, this concludes the first portion of the webinar.

We will now take questions in the Q&A;

A prompt at the top of your screen.

Please be mindful that only questions

that pertain to the waiver renewal

information presented today will be

addressed in a live webinar.

Questions or comments pertaining to

anything not related to the webinar

information would need to be submitted to

our Medicaid waiver e-mail box listed

here on this slide.

And I'll wait a few minutes to see if

there are any questions that come across.

Thank you.

Okay, we have a couple of questions I see.

A recording of the webinar will be

available on our website. I would give it

by the end of the week or the beginning

of next week,

you should be able to see it on our

website. So that will be available.

And also,

Um...

The waiver renewals are a five-year

contract,

so we renew the waivers every five years.

We have a question concerning how the current proposed changes will affect current participants. And in all honesty, there are very few changes made in this document that will affect any services that participants are currently being provided.

Yes,

we had a question concerning how some rates are determined, particularly around nursing, I do believe.

The methodology on how rates are determined are reflected in Appendix I2A of the waiver document and goes into some detail as to how

all of our rates actually are determined.

So if you want to go back and review that appendix, that is I2A, you'll find some additional information.

Thank you.

There was a question concerning the consolidation of personal care one and two and how that may impact persons on the wait list.

The consolidation of personal care one and two was done probably two to three

years ago.

It remained the title of personal care one and the title of personal care two remained in the document because We usually change those at renewal time. So that's all that we're doing with that is just removing the old titles and having the one consolidated service of personal care reflected in the document. It does not affect how services are being rendered or anything dealing with the participant or anyone on the wait list.

Okay, there are other questions that I see here that don't pertain particularly to this information concerning the renewal. Again, if you use the e-mail address that you see at the bottom or on the screen at the bottom, you can e-mail those questions to our waiver e-mail box and we'll respond to you accordingly.

The waiver document is posted currently on the SCDHHS website along with the public notice for viewing at any point in time. So if you have a chance, please,

I encourage you to go ahead and take a look at that and it may answer a lot of questions.

questions before you even have to e-mail.

All right.

Do we see any more further questions?

Okay. At this time,

I'm going to turn this over to Janice

Bailiff,

and she's going to do part two of the webinar.

Thank you, Michelle.

As Michelle indicated,

my name is Janice Bayliff,

and I provide support to the Medically

Complex Children, MCC,

waiver administration team.

As stated before,

the remainder of this webinar will

address the proposed changes to the MCC

waiver program.

Unlike the IDRD waiver,

which is operated by OIDD,

the MCC program is operated and

administered by the South Carolina

Department of Health and Human Services.

The MCC waiver serves Medicaid members up to age 21 with chronic physical health conditions expected to last at least one year.

To be eligible for the waiver, the individual must meet hospital level of care and must also rely on hospital, skilled nursing, and specialist care, as well as ancillary service and medication monitoring.

The MCC waiver offers children's attendant care, environmental modifications, pediatric medical daycare, and waiver care coordination.

These services are collectively referred to as the waiver service array.

Renewal applications afford states the opportunity to incorporate stakeholder feedback into the waiver service array.

Within this renewal,

SCDHHS has revised the Environmental Modification Service to clarify the scope of the service.

This revision will help case managers determine when projects request

are in or out of scope.

Secondly,

in accordance with recommended guidance

from CMS,

SCDHHS has also revised performance

measure compliance strategies and

operational oversight procedures.

These measures serve as a gauge to assess

the performance of key processes,

or functions associated with the waiver.

And lastly,

the cost neutrality projections for the

renewal period have been updated.

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the period that the waiver is in

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To SCDHHS.

This concludes the second portion of the webinar. If you have not done so already, you may now type your questions into the Q&A section on your screen.

Please be mindful that only questions that pertain to the waiver renewal information presented today will be addressed in the live webinar.

Questions on anything else related To.

The waiver can be emailed to the Medicaid waiver mailbox that is displayed on your

screen.

We will pause now for questions.

Okay,

we're going to wait another 30 seconds or

so to see if there are any new questions

pertaining to the renewal,

and then we can adjourn after that.

All right,

thank you for your additional questions.

We do have a question related to the

three changes listed.

If the question was referring to the

medically complex children's waiver,

I can reiterate that the first change was

the

Change to the environmental modifications

definition to clarify the scope of the

service.

That information can be specifically

found on page 45 of the waiver

application. As Michelle indicated,

waiver applications are linked to the

SCDHHS public facing website under the

waiver management page.

There you can find the waivers and you

can read through exactly what will be

submitted to CMS for review and approval.

All right,

there is another question related to MCC,

and it is related to...

the operation of the MCC under the home

and community-based waiver?

The answer to that question is yes.

The 1915 home and community-based waiver

is the authority by which we provide

services to the medically complex

children's population.

So the answer to your question is yes.

There was a question that asked about not

being able to see personal care

assistance in the list of services.

For the medically complex children's

waiver,

that is not a service that that waiver

has.

It's only available in the IDRD waiver,

which I presented

during the first part of the webinar.

So each waiver has its own set of

services,

and they can be different from each other.

So that's why you didn't see it in MCC if

that was the waiver you were referring to.

As A follow-up to that,

for members enrolled in the MCC waiver program,

personal care is a state plan service.

So to reiterate what Michelle indicated, you will not see it in the waiver service array.

You will not see it reflected in the waiver document for children who are enrolled in the MCC program.

Another question we received asks if the changes will affect current MCC participants or newly enrolled MCC participants.

The changes will impact every individual who is receiving services under the MCC waiver.

The only change that we are requesting is the revised service definition for environmental modifications.

So what that technically means is anytime a request is submitted to the waiver care coordinator for review and approval by the Medicaid agency,

The new definition will apply to those

services.

We see some questions that do not pertain to the webinar itself.

There's some personal situational questions that have been entered into the Q&A. If you would, could you e-mail the Medicaid waiver mailbox?

e-mail box shown on the screen. With that, with those particular questions, we can respond to them on a one-on-one basis.

One of our staff has just posted some information on how to find the link to the webinar and the documents and anything pertaining to waivers in the Q&A section.

So please feel free to use that information.

Okay, we are at the point in the webinar. that we want to remind you that the public comment period for this waiver, these waiver action in September 21st. Please ensure that you have submitted your questions and comments to the comments mailbox or through the physical

mail

that was identified on this slide.

If you have questions that do not pertain
to this waiver,

these waiver renewal actions,

please e-mail those to

medicaidwaiver@scdhhs.gov.

If there are no further questions,

I want to say on behalf of Michelle Abney,
and the entire South Carolina Department
of Health and Human Services Waiver
Administration team.

Thank you for joining us today.

We look forward to hearing more from you
and have a wonderful day.