

Dear DDA Stakeholder:

The Department of Social and Health Services' (DSHS) [Developmental Disabilities Administration](#) (DDA) has received approval for amendments for five waivers funded by the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) (CMS). Affected waivers include:

- Individual and Family Services (IFS)
- Basic Plus
- Core
- Community Protection
- Children's Intensive In-Home Behavioral Support (CIIBS)

DSHS and Health Care Authority amended the waivers with a revised effective date of October 1, 2020. The amendment changes include:

- Adding the following new services:
 - Specialized Habilitation: Support services for clients to learn or maintain a range of life skills, to the IFS, Basic Plus, non-residential Core and CIIBS waivers
 - Music therapy and equine therapy, to the CIIBS waiver
 - Community Engagement to the Basic Plus and Core waivers
 - Therapeutic adaptations to the IFS, Basic Plus and CIIBS waivers
- Renaming and redefining Behavioral Health Stabilization services in all waivers to include:
 - Stabilization Services – Staff/family consultation services (existing service)
 - Stabilization Services – Specialized habilitation (new service)
 - Stabilization Services – Crisis diversion bed (existing service)
- Revising the following service in the Basic Plus, Core and Community Protection waivers:
 - Chemical extermination of bed bugs to become extermination of bed bugs
- Closing new enrollment for youth age 20 and younger; and phasing out Positive Behavior support and consultation from Basic Plus, Core, Individual and Family Services and Children's Intensive In-Home Behavioral Support waivers for adult clients age 21 and older. The replacement service is Specialized Habilitation, in addition to Medicaid state plan behavioral support services through managed care organizations (MCOs) or Medicaid fee-for-service)
- Revising the service provider requirements for:
 - Group training homes
- Restructuring CIIBS waiver fund categories for improved budget tracking

- Removing the following services:
 - Community guide from Basic Plus and Core waivers (replaced by Community engagement)
 - Specialized psychiatric services from all waivers (service is available under the Medicaid state plan)
 - Skilled nursing (except nurse delegation) for youth age 20 and younger from all waivers (service is available under the Medicaid state plan)
 - Personal care from Basic Plus waiver (service is available on the Community First Choice program)
 - Prevocational services from the Basic Plus, Core and Community Protection waivers (all clients previously receiving services have already transitioned to other services)
 - Behavioral health stabilization services – positive behavior support and consultation (replacement services include Stabilization services – specialized habilitation and Stabilization services – staff/family consultation services)
 - Behavioral health stabilization services – specialized psychiatric services (service is available under the Medicaid state plan)
- Adjusting technical language
- Revising performance measures
- Revising estimates for state plan utilization and expenditures
- Revising estimates for waiver service utilization and expenditures
- Revising post-eligibility treatment of income language for CIIBS waiver

All affected waiver participants currently receiving services that will be removed or phased out, will be transitioned to an appropriate Medicaid state plan or other waiver services during a transition process.

- Individuals currently receiving community guide will be auto enrolled to community engagement with the same provider and same number of service hours
- Specialized psychiatric services and behavioral health stabilization services such as specialized psychiatric and positive behavior support will end on September 30
- Clients receiving behavioral health stabilization services such as specialized psychiatric and positive behavior support, will transition to state-only funding supports during a three-month transition period

DDA will post the approved waiver amendments on the DSHS website.