



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Developmental Disabilities Administration

January 19, 2022

RE: Draft Waiver Renewals and Waiver Amendment

Dear DDA Stakeholder:

The Department of Social and Health Services' Developmental Disabilities Administration is preparing renewals and an amendment for waivers funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The waivers include:

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

Stakeholders have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft waiver renewals and amendment before they are sent to CMS. The official 30-day comment period is January 19, 2022, through February 19, 2022.

The amendments (385-630 pages each) are available online at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/> beginning January 19, 2022. A brief summary follows.

DSHS and Health Care Authority intend to renew the Basic Plus, Core, Community Protection and CIIBS waiver and amend the IFS waiver with an effective date of September 1, 2022. These renewals and amendment propose to:

- Add Assistive Technology to the Basic Plus, Core and Community Protection waivers (IFS and CIIBS waivers already include this service);
- Add damage repairs under Environmental Adaptations to the Core and Community Protection waivers (IFS and CIIBS waivers already provide this service);
- Add Peer Mentoring and Person-Centered Plan Facilitation to the CIIBS waiver;
- Increase Specialized Habilitation budget to \$6,192 on the Basic Plus waiver (an increase from the \$4,000 current limit);
- Add a performance measure concerning the delivery of information to participants and their families on how to identify and report instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation and unexplained death to all waivers;
- Increase the number of clients served on all waivers to match legislative-approved capacity increases;
- Add access to Individualized Technical Assistance for participants on Community Inclusion and increase access to six months for participants on Individual Supported Employment/Group Supported Employment and Community Inclusion;

- Revise Community Protection waiver definition language to emphasize the waiver's role in providing habilitative supports that promote safe inclusion into the community and align waiver supports with state plan benefits available to eligible clients;
- Remove requirement for obtaining a prior approval for Specialized Equipment and Supplies and Assistive Technology for items under \$550;
- Remove Positive Behavior Support and Consultation from all waivers except Community Protection as required by previous agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (behavior support services are available as a state plan service);
- Remove polygraph and plethysmograph providers from the Community Protection waiver.

The proposed changes for the renewals and the amendment will have no negative impacts on participants on the Basic Plus, Core, Community Protection, Children's Intensive In-Home Behavioral Support and Individual and Family Services waivers.

The renewals and amendment can be read in their entirety on our website <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/> . Official notices are also located in the Washington State Register.

Send your comments to DDAWaiverRenewals@dshs.wa.gov during the comment period.

All future announcements regarding waiver renewals, amendments and new waivers will be made using this communication system (GovDelivery) in addition to the Washington Register.