

Application for a §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

PURPOSE OF THE HCBS WAIVER PROGRAM

The Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver program is authorized in §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The program permits a State to furnish an array of home and community-based services that assist Medicaid beneficiaries to live in the community and avoid institutionalization. The State has broad discretion to design its waiver program to address the needs of the waiver's target population. Waiver services complement and/or supplement the services that are available to participants through the Medicaid State plan and other federal, state and local public programs as well as the supports that families and communities provide.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recognizes that the design and operational features of a waiver program will vary depending on the specific needs of the target population, the resources available to the State, service delivery system structure, State goals and objectives, and other factors. A State has the latitude to design a waiver program that is cost-effective and employs a variety of service delivery approaches, including participant direction of services.

Request for a Renewal to a §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

1. Major Changes

Describe any significant changes to the approved waiver that are being made in this renewal application:

At this time, there are no significant changes to the waiver.

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1. Request Information (1 of 3)

- A. The **State of Maryland** requests approval for a Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver under the authority of §1915(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act).
- B. **Program Title** (*optional - this title will be used to locate this waiver in the finder*):
Model Waiver for Fragile Children
- C. **Type of Request:** renewal

Requested Approval Period: (*For new waivers requesting five year approval periods, the waiver must serve individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.*)

3 years 5 years

Original Base Waiver Number: MD.40118

Draft ID: MD.008.07.00

- D. **Type of Waiver** (*select only one*):

Model Waiver

- E. **Proposed Effective Date:** (*mm/dd/yy*)

07/01/18

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- F. **Level(s) of Care.** This waiver is requested in order to provide home and community-based waiver services to individuals who, but for the provision of such services, would require the following level(s) of care, the costs of which would be reimbursed under the approved Medicaid State plan (*check each that applies*):

Hospital

Select applicable level of care

 Hospital as defined in 42 CFR §440.10

If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the hospital level of care:

 Inpatient psychiatric facility for individuals age 21 and under as provided in 42 CFR §440.160 **Nursing Facility**

Select applicable level of care

 Nursing Facility as defined in 42 CFR §§440.40 and 42 CFR §§440.155

If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the nursing facility level of care:

 Institution for Mental Disease for persons with mental illnesses aged 65 and older as provided in 42 CFR §440.140 **Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) (as defined in 42 CFR §440.150)**

If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the ICF/IID level of care:

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G. Concurrent Operation with Other Programs. This waiver operates concurrently with another program (or programs) approved under the following authorities

Select one:

 Not applicable **Applicable**

Check the applicable authority or authorities:

 Services furnished under the provisions of §1915(a)(1)(a) of the Act and described in Appendix I **Waiver(s) authorized under §1915(b) of the Act.**

Specify the §1915(b) waiver program and indicate whether a §1915(b) waiver application has been submitted or previously approved:

Specify the §1915(b) authorities under which this program operates (*check each that applies*): **§1915(b)(1) (mandated enrollment to managed care)** **§1915(b)(2) (central broker)** **§1915(b)(3) (employ cost savings to furnish additional services)** **§1915(b)(4) (selective contracting/limit number of providers)** **A program operated under §1932(a) of the Act.**

Specify the nature of the State Plan benefit and indicate whether the State Plan Amendment has been submitted or previously approved:

 A program authorized under §1915(i) of the Act. **A program authorized under §1915(j) of the Act.** **A program authorized under §1115 of the Act.**

Specify the program:

H. Dual Eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare.

Check if applicable:

- This waiver provides services for individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.**

2. Brief Waiver Description

Brief Waiver Description. *In one page or less*, briefly describe the purpose of the waiver, including its goals, objectives, organizational structure (e.g., the roles of state, local and other entities), and service delivery methods.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Model Waiver (MW) is to provide home and community-based services to medically fragile individuals who, before the age of 22, would otherwise be institutionalized.

Goals:

The goals of the Model Waiver are to:

- Enable 200 medically fragile children to live and be cared for at home rather than in an institution;
- Provide quality services; and
- Ensure the well-being and safety of the individuals served.

Objectives:

The objectives are to:

- Provide health support services to waiver participant's to maximize optimal health functioning and independence;
- Provide support to the family and/or caregivers.

Organizational Structure:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is the single State agency charged with the administration of Maryland's Medicaid Program. The Office of Health Services' (OHS), Division of Nursing Services (DONS) is responsible for the operation and oversight of the MW within the Department of Health. The DONS is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the waiver and the administrative responsibilities associated with a waiver. The DONS' MW Nurse Consultant interacts on a daily basis with case management staff, participants or their caregivers, other provider agencies, physicians, etc. to handle complaints, ensure resolution of Reportable Events, preauthorize services, review level of care determinations review and approve participants' Plans of Care, etc.

The Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) within MDH licenses program providers for nursing and home health aide/certified nursing assistant services.

Service Delivery:

Services provided through the waiver include:

- Private duty nursing;
- Certified nursing assistant/ home health aide;
- Case management;
- Physician participation in the Plan of Care development; and
- Medical daycare.

Case management services are provided to the participants via an enrolled Medicaid provider who works closely with the participant and/or his legal representative as well as the MW's Nurse Consultant employed by the DONS. The case management staff perform a number of duties associated with the waiver including coordinating the eligibility process, scheduling the participant's Plan of Care meeting, developing the participant's Plan of Care, etc. In addition, case managers monitor the delivery of service to ensure they are being delivered in accordance with the participant's approved Plan of Care.

All services in the participant's Plan of Care are provided via enrolled Medicaid providers. Services which they receive include both State Plan services and services covered under the waiver.

3. Components of the Waiver Request

The waiver application consists of the following components. *Note: Item 3-E must be completed.*

- A. **Waiver Administration and Operation. Appendix A** specifies the administrative and operational structure of this waiver.
- B. **Participant Access and Eligibility. Appendix B** specifies the target group(s) of individuals who are served in this waiver, the number of participants that the State expects to serve during each year that the waiver is in effect, applicable Medicaid eligibility and post-eligibility (if applicable) requirements, and procedures for the evaluation and reevaluation of level of care.
- C. **Participant Services. Appendix C** specifies the home and community-based waiver services that are furnished through the waiver, including applicable limitations on such services.
- D. **Participant-Centered Service Planning and Delivery. Appendix D** specifies the procedures and methods that the State uses to develop, implement and monitor the participant-centered service plan (of care).
- E. **Participant-Direction of Services.** When the State provides for participant direction of services, **Appendix E** specifies the participant direction opportunities that are offered in the waiver and the supports that are available to participants who direct their services. (*Select one*):

- Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. Appendix E is required.**
 - No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. Appendix E is not required.**
- F. **Participant Rights. Appendix F** specifies how the State informs participants of their Medicaid Fair Hearing rights and other procedures to address participant grievances and complaints.
- G. **Participant Safeguards. Appendix G** describes the safeguards that the State has established to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants in specified areas.
- H. **Quality Improvement Strategy. Appendix H** contains the Quality Improvement Strategy for this waiver.
- I. **Financial Accountability. Appendix I** describes the methods by which the State makes payments for waiver services, ensures the integrity of these payments, and complies with applicable federal requirements concerning payments and federal financial participation.
- J. **Cost-Neutrality Demonstration. Appendix J** contains the State's demonstration that the waiver is cost-neutral.

4. Waiver(s) Requested

- A. **Comparability.** The State requests a waiver of the requirements contained in §1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act in order to provide the services specified in **Appendix C** that are not otherwise available under the approved Medicaid State plan to individuals who: (a) require the level(s) of care specified in Item 1.F and (b) meet the target group criteria specified in **Appendix B**.
- B. **Income and Resources for the Medically Needy.** Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of §1902(a)(10)(C)(i) (III) of the Act in order to use institutional income and resource rules for the medically needy (*select one*):
 - Not Applicable**
 - No**
 - Yes**
- C. **Stewardness.** Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of the stewardness requirements in §1902(a)(1) of the Act (*select one*):
 - No**
 - Yes**

If yes, specify the waiver of stewardness that is requested (*check each that applies*):

- Geographic Limitation.** A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to furnish services under this waiver only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State. *Specify the areas to which this waiver applies and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:*

- Limited Implementation of Participant-Direction.** A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to make *participant-direction of services* as specified in **Appendix E** available only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State. Participants who reside in these areas may elect to direct their services as provided by the State or receive comparable services through the service delivery methods that are in effect elsewhere in the State. *Specify the areas of the State affected by this waiver and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:*

5. Assurances

In accordance with 42 CFR §441.302, the State provides the following assurances to CMS:

- A. Health & Welfare:** The State assures that necessary safeguards have been taken to protect the health and welfare of persons receiving services under this waiver. These safeguards include:
1. As specified in **Appendix C**, adequate standards for all types of providers that provide services under this waiver;
 2. Assurance that the standards of any State licensure or certification requirements specified in **Appendix C** are met for services or for individuals furnishing services that are provided under the waiver. The State assures that these requirements are met on the date that the services are furnished; and,
 3. Assurance that all facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act where home and community-based waiver services are provided comply with the applicable State standards for board and care facilities as specified in **Appendix C**.
- B. Financial Accountability.** The State assures financial accountability for funds expended for home and community-based services and maintains and makes available to the Department of Health and Human Services (including the Office of the Inspector General), the Comptroller General, or other designees, appropriate financial records documenting the cost of services provided under the waiver. Methods of financial accountability are specified in **Appendix I**.
- C. Evaluation of Need:** The State assures that it provides for an initial evaluation (and periodic reevaluations, at least annually) of the need for a level of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual might need such services in the near future (one month or less) but for the receipt of home and community-based services under this waiver. The procedures for evaluation and reevaluation of level of care are specified in **Appendix B**.
- D. Choice of Alternatives:** The State assures that when an individual is determined to be likely to require the level of care specified for this waiver and is in a target group specified in **Appendix B**, the individual (or, legal representative, if applicable) is:
1. Informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and,
 2. Given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based waiver services. **Appendix B** specifies the procedures that the State employs to ensure that individuals are informed of feasible alternatives under the waiver and given the choice of institutional or home and community-based waiver services.

- E. Average Per Capita Expenditures:** The State assures that, for any year that the waiver is in effect, the average per capita expenditures under the waiver will not exceed 100 percent of the average per capita expenditures that would have been made under the Medicaid State plan for the level(s) of care specified for this waiver had the waiver not been granted. Cost-neutrality is demonstrated in **Appendix J**.
- F. Actual Total Expenditures:** The State assures that the actual total expenditures for home and community-based waiver and other Medicaid services and its claim for FFP in expenditures for the services provided to individuals under the waiver will not, in any year of the waiver period, exceed 100 percent of the amount that would be incurred in the absence of the waiver by the State's Medicaid program for these individuals in the institutional setting(s) specified for this waiver.
- G. Institutionalization Absent Waiver:** The State assures that, absent the waiver, individuals served in the waiver would receive the appropriate type of Medicaid-funded institutional care for the level of care specified for this waiver.
- H. Reporting:** The State assures that annually it will provide CMS with information concerning the impact of the waiver on the type, amount and cost of services provided under the Medicaid State plan and on the health and welfare of waiver participants. This information will be consistent with a data collection plan designed by CMS.
- I. Habilitation Services.** The State assures that prevocational, educational, or supported employment services, or a combination of these services, if provided as habilitation services under the waiver are: (1) not otherwise available to the individual through a local educational agency under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and, (2) furnished as part of expanded habilitation services.
- J. Services for Individuals with Chronic Mental Illness.** The State assures that federal financial participation (FFP) will not be claimed in expenditures for waiver services including, but not limited to, day treatment or partial hospitalization, psychosocial rehabilitation services, and clinic services provided as home and community-based services to individuals with chronic mental illnesses if these individuals, in the absence of a waiver, would be placed in an IMD and are: (1) age 22 to 64; (2) age 65 and older and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR §440.140; or (3) age 21 and under and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR § 440.160.

6. Additional Requirements

Note: Item 6-I must be completed.

- A. Service Plan.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(i), a participant-centered service plan (of care) is developed for each participant employing the procedures specified in **Appendix D**. All waiver services are furnished pursuant to the service plan. The service plan describes: (a) the waiver services that are furnished to the participant, their projected frequency and the type of provider that furnishes each service and (b) the other services (regardless of funding source, including State plan services) and informal supports that complement waiver services in meeting the needs of the participant. The service plan is subject to the approval of the Medicaid agency. Federal financial participation (FFP) is not claimed for waiver services furnished prior to the development of the service plan or for services that are not included in the service plan.
- B. Inpatients.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(ii), waiver services are not furnished to individuals who are inpatients of a hospital, nursing facility or ICF/IID.
- C. Room and Board.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.310(a)(2), FFP is not claimed for the cost of room and board except when: (a) provided as part of respite services in a facility approved by the State that is not a private residence or (b) claimed as a portion of the rent and food that may be reasonably attributed to an unrelated caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant, as provided in **Appendix I**.
- D. Access to Services.** The State does not limit or restrict participant access to waiver services except as provided in **Appendix C**.
- E. Free Choice of Provider.** In accordance with 42 CFR §431.151, a participant may select any willing and qualified provider to furnish waiver services included in the service plan unless the State has received approval to limit the

number of providers under the provisions of §1915(b) or another provision of the Act.

- F. FFP Limitation.** In accordance with 42 CFR §433 Subpart D, FFP is not claimed for services when another third-party (e.g., another third party health insurer or other federal or state program) is legally liable and responsible for the provision and payment of the service. FFP also may not be claimed for services that are available without charge, or as free care to the community. Services will not be considered to be without charge, or free care, when (1) the provider establishes a fee schedule for each service available and (2) collects insurance information from all those served (Medicaid, and non-Medicaid), and bills other legally liable third party insurers. Alternatively, if a provider certifies that a particular legally liable third party insurer does not pay for the service(s), the provider may not generate further bills for that insurer for that annual period.
- G. Fair Hearing:** The State provides the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing under 42 CFR §431 Subpart E, to individuals: (a) who are not given the choice of home and community-based waiver services as an alternative to institutional level of care specified for this waiver; (b) who are denied the service(s) of their choice or the provider(s) of their choice; or (c) whose services are denied, suspended, reduced or terminated. **Appendix F** specifies the State's procedures to provide individuals the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing, including providing notice of action as required in 42 CFR §431.210.
- H. Quality Improvement.** The State operates a formal, comprehensive system to ensure that the waiver meets the assurances and other requirements contained in this application. Through an ongoing process of discovery, remediation and improvement, the State assures the health and welfare of participants by monitoring: (a) level of care determinations; (b) individual plans and services delivery; (c) provider qualifications; (d) participant health and welfare; (e) financial oversight and (f) administrative oversight of the waiver. The State further assures that all problems identified through its discovery processes are addressed in an appropriate and timely manner, consistent with the severity and nature of the problem. During the period that the waiver is in effect, the State will implement the Quality Improvement Strategy specified in **Appendix H**.
- I. Public Input.** Describe how the State secures public input into the development of the waiver:
MDH obtained ongoing public input into the development and operation of the waiver in a variety of ways. A Model Waiver Advisory Committee was established a number of years ago to provide an on-going forum for stakeholders to provide input to MDH. The Advisory Committee is comprised of provider representatives, participants, family members and MDH waiver staff. The Advisory Committee discusses proposed regulations, policy changes, waiver amendments and renewals and any other topic related to the Model Waiver.
- Regular updates about the Model Waiver are provided to the Medicaid Advisory Committee.
- A notice is published in the Maryland Register when new or amended regulations are proposed by MDH. Regulations may not be promulgated until an opportunity for public comment is provided including a response from MDH to all public comments received. Additionally, a notice must be placed in the Maryland Register when a waiver is initiated, amended or renewed.
- J. Notice to Tribal Governments.** The State assures that it has notified in writing all federally-recognized Tribal Governments that maintain a primary office and/or majority population within the State of the State's intent to submit a Medicaid waiver request or renewal request to CMS at least 60 days before the anticipated submission date is provided by Presidential Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000. Evidence of the applicable notice is available through the Medicaid Agency.
- K. Limited English Proficient Persons.** The State assures that it provides meaningful access to waiver services by Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with: (a) Presidential Executive Order 13166 of August 11, 2000 (65 FR 50121) and (b) Department of Health and Human Services "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (68 FR 47311 - August 8, 2003). **Appendix B** describes how the State assures meaningful access to waiver services by Limited English Proficient persons.

7. Contact Person(s)

- A.** The Medicaid agency representative with whom CMS should communicate regarding the waiver is:

Last Name:

Hutchinson

First Name:
Title:
Agency:
Address:
Address 2:
City:
State: **Maryland**
Zip:
Phone: **Ext:** **TTY**
Fax:
E-mail:

B. If applicable, the State operating agency representative with whom CMS should communicate regarding the waiver is:

Last Name:
First Name:
Title:
Agency:
Address:
Address 2:
City:
State: **Maryland**
Zip:
Phone: **Ext:** **TTY**
Fax:
E-mail:

8. Authorizing Signature

This document, together with Appendices A through J, constitutes the State's request for a waiver under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The State assures that all materials referenced in this waiver application (including standards, licensure and certification requirements) are *readily* available in print or electronic form upon request to CMS through the Medicaid agency

or, if applicable, from the operating agency specified in Appendix A. Any proposed changes to the waiver will be submitted by the Medicaid agency to CMS in the form of waiver amendments.

Upon approval by CMS, the waiver application serves as the State's authority to provide home and community-based waiver services to the specified target groups. The State attests that it will abide by all provisions of the approved waiver and will continuously operate the waiver in accordance with the assurances specified in Section 5 and the additional requirements specified in Section 6 of the request.

Signature:

State Medicaid Director or Designee

Submission Date:

Note: The Signature and Submission Date fields will be automatically completed when the State Medicaid Director submits the application.

Last Name:

First Name:

Title:

Agency:

Address:

Address 2:

City:

State: **Maryland**

Zip:

Phone: **Ext:** **TTY**

Fax:

E-mail:

Attachments

Attachment #1: Transition Plan

Check the box next to any of the following changes from the current approved waiver. Check all boxes that apply.

- Replacing an approved waiver with this waiver.**
- Combining waivers.**
- Splitting one waiver into two waivers.**
- Eliminating a service.**
- Adding or decreasing an individual cost limit pertaining to eligibility.**
- Adding or decreasing limits to a service or a set of services, as specified in Appendix C.**
- Reducing the unduplicated count of participants (Factor C).**
- Adding new, or decreasing, a limitation on the number of participants served at any point in time.**
- Making any changes that could result in some participants losing eligibility or being transferred to another waiver under 1915(c) or another Medicaid authority.**
- Making any changes that could result in reduced services to participants.**

Specify the transition plan for the waiver:

Not applicable

Attachment #2: Home and Community-Based Settings Waiver Transition Plan

Specify the state's process to bring this waiver into compliance with federal home and community-based (HCB) settings requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5), and associated CMS guidance.

Consult with CMS for instructions before completing this item. This field describes the status of a transition process at the point in time of submission. Relevant information in the planning phase will differ from information required to describe attainment of milestones.

To the extent that the state has submitted a statewide HCB settings transition plan to CMS, the description in this field may reference that statewide plan. The narrative in this field must include enough information to demonstrate that this waiver complies with federal HCB settings requirements, including the compliance and transition requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(6), and that this submission is consistent with the portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan that are germane to this waiver. Quote or summarize germane portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan as required.

Note that Appendix C-5 HCB Settings describes settings that do not require transition; the settings listed there meet federal HCB setting requirements as of the date of submission. Do not duplicate that information here.

Update this field and Appendix C-5 when submitting a renewal or amendment to this waiver for other purposes. It is not necessary for the state to amend the waiver solely for the purpose of updating this field and Appendix C-5. At the end of the state's HCB settings transition process for this waiver, when all waiver settings meet federal HCB setting requirements, enter "Completed" in this field, and include in Section C-5 the information on all HCB settings in the waiver.

Between September and November 2014, the OHS completed a review of the Annotated Code of the Model Waiver application, and State regulations, including COMAR 10.09.27, to determine the current level of compliance with the new federal requirement. In order to crosswalk all of the following documents, Maryland has utilized the "HCBS Worksheet for Assessing Services and Settings," developed by the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), and the National Disability Rights Network. This has allowed for consistency across programs and documents.

The preliminary review resulted in identification of missing criteria dictated by the Final Rule, but no language that conflicts or is out of compliance with the rule that will require remediation.

Additional Needed Information (Optional)

Provide additional needed information for the waiver (optional):

Appendix A: Waiver Administration and Operation

- 1. State Line of Authority for Waiver Operation.** Specify the state line of authority for the operation of the waiver (*select one*):

- The waiver is operated by the State Medicaid agency.**

Specify the Medicaid agency division/unit that has line authority for the operation of the waiver program (*select one*):

- The Medical Assistance Unit.**

Specify the unit name:

Office of Health Services

(Do not complete item A-2)

- Another division/unit within the State Medicaid agency that is separate from the Medical Assistance**

Unit.

Specify the division/unit name. This includes administrations/divisions under the umbrella agency that has been identified as the Single State Medicaid Agency.

(Complete item A-2-a).

- The waiver is operated by a separate agency of the State that is not a division/unit of the Medicaid agency.**

Specify the division/unit name:

In accordance with 42 CFR §431.10, the Medicaid agency exercises administrative discretion in the administration and supervision of the waiver and issues policies, rules and regulations related to the waiver. The interagency agreement or memorandum of understanding that sets forth the authority and arrangements for this policy is available through the Medicaid agency to CMS upon request. (Complete item A-2-b).

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2. Oversight of Performance.

- a. Medicaid Director Oversight of Performance When the Waiver is Operated by another Division/Unit within the State Medicaid Agency.** When the waiver is operated by another division/administration within the umbrella agency designated as the Single State Medicaid Agency. Specify (a) the functions performed by that division/administration (i.e., the Developmental Disabilities Administration within the Single State Medicaid Agency), (b) the document utilized to outline the roles and responsibilities related to waiver operation, and (c) the methods that are employed by the designated State Medicaid Director (in some instances, the head of umbrella agency) in the oversight of these activities:

As indicated in section 1 of this appendix, the waiver is not operated by another division/unit within the State Medicaid agency. Thus this section does not need to be completed.

- b. Medicaid Agency Oversight of Operating Agency Performance.** When the waiver is not operated by the Medicaid agency, specify the functions that are expressly delegated through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other written document, and indicate the frequency of review and update for that document. Specify the methods that the Medicaid agency uses to ensure that the operating agency performs its assigned waiver operational and administrative functions in accordance with waiver requirements. Also specify the frequency of Medicaid agency assessment of operating agency performance:

As indicated in section 1 of this appendix, the waiver is not operated by a separate agency of the State. Thus this section does not need to be completed.

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- 3. Use of Contracted Entities.** Specify whether contracted entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (if applicable) (*select one*):

- Yes. Contracted entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or operating agency (if applicable).**

Specify the types of contracted entities and briefly describe the functions that they perform. *Complete Items A-5 and A-6.:*

The State contracts with a Utilization Control Agent (UCA) to render initial and annual level of care determinations for medical eligibility.

- No. Contracted entities do not perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (if applicable).**

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- 4. Role of Local/Regional Non-State Entities.** Indicate whether local or regional non-state entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions and, if so, specify the type of entity (*Select One*):

- Not applicable**
- Applicable** - Local/regional non-state agencies perform waiver operational and administrative functions. Check each that applies:
 - Local/Regional non-state public agencies** perform waiver operational and administrative functions at the local or regional level. There is an **interagency agreement or memorandum of understanding** between the State and these agencies that sets forth responsibilities and performance requirements for these agencies that is available through the Medicaid agency.

Specify the nature of these agencies and complete items A-5 and A-6:

- Local/Regional non-governmental non-state entities** conduct waiver operational and administrative functions at the local or regional level. There is a contract between the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (when authorized by the Medicaid agency) and each local/regional non-state entity that sets forth the responsibilities and performance requirements of the local/regional entity. The **contract(s)** under which private entities conduct waiver operational functions are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Specify the nature of these entities and complete items A-5 and A-6:

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- 5. Responsibility for Assessment of Performance of Contracted and/or Local/Regional Non-State Entities.** Specify the state agency or agencies responsible for assessing the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities in conducting waiver operational and administrative functions:
The Office of Health Services (OHS) within the State Medicaid Agency contracts with a Utilization Control Agent (UCA) to perform level of care determinations. The Long-Term Services and Supports Administration staff is the contract administrator/monitor for the UCA contract. The five-year contract was re-bid and the new contractor began work in February 2016.

Determinations are considered timely when the UCA renders a decision within 3 business days of receipt of all requested documentation. When a determination is made by the UCA nurse to deny LOC, a second review is conducted by the Medicaid program staff (Medicaid Physician Consultant and/or MW Nurse Consultant) prior to issuance of the denial.

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- 6. Assessment Methods and Frequency.** Describe the methods that are used to assess the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities to ensure that they perform assigned waiver operational and administrative functions in accordance with waiver requirements. Also specify how frequently the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities is assessed:

The Program monitors the timeliness of the initial LOC determinations and re-determinations by reviewing a monthly report produced by the UCA.

MDH reviews all MW cases that are appealed for medical eligibility.

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7. **Distribution of Waiver Operational and Administrative Functions.** In the following table, specify the entity or entities that have responsibility for conducting each of the waiver operational and administrative functions listed (*check each that applies*):

In accordance with 42 CFR §431.10, when the Medicaid agency does not directly conduct a function, it supervises the performance of the function and establishes and/or approves policies that affect the function. All functions not performed directly by the Medicaid agency must be delegated in writing and monitored by the Medicaid Agency. *Note: More than one box may be checked per item. Ensure that Medicaid is checked when the Single State Medicaid Agency (1) conducts the function directly; (2) supervises the delegated function; and/or (3) establishes and/or approves policies related to the function.*

Function	Medicaid Agency	Contracted Entity
Participant waiver enrollment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waiver enrollment managed against approved limits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waiver expenditures managed against approved levels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of care evaluation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Review of Participant service plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prior authorization of waiver services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utilization management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Qualified provider enrollment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Execution of Medicaid provider agreements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Establishment of a statewide rate methodology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rules, policies, procedures and information development governing the waiver program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality assurance and quality improvement activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Appendix A: Waiver Administration and Operation

Quality Improvement: Administrative Authority of the Single State Medicaid Agency

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State's methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Administrative Authority

The Medicaid Agency retains ultimate administrative authority and responsibility for the operation of the waiver program by exercising oversight of the performance of waiver functions by other state and local/regional non-state agencies (if appropriate) and contracted entities.

i. Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Performance measures for administrative authority should not duplicate measures found in other appendices of the waiver application. As necessary and applicable, performance measures should focus on:

- Uniformity of development/execution of provider agreements throughout all geographic areas covered by the waiver

- Equitable distribution of waiver openings in all geographic areas covered by the waiver
- Compliance with HCB settings requirements and other new regulatory components (for waiver actions submitted on or after March 17, 2014)

Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of oversight meetings with case management provider; **Numerator:** Total # of weekly meetings; **Denominator:** Total # of weeks

Data Source (Select one):

Meeting minutes

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly

<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

Performance Measure:

Indicator: % of substantiated cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation for which the Medicaid Agency implemented appropriate remediation strategies in a timely manner

Numerator: Total # of substantiated cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation for which appropriate remediation strategies were implemented in a timely manner
Denominator: Total # of substantiated cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation

Data Source (Select one):

Critical events and incident reports

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of complete & accurate participant records; Numerator: Total # of complete & accurate participant records; Denominator: Total # of participant records reviewed

Data Source (Select one):

Record reviews, on-site

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: Random sample of 15% of MW participants' files
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing

Other
Specify:

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Number and percent of quarterly meetings held over a fiscal year to specifically monitor progress of performance measures. **Numerator:** # of quarterly meetings held during the fiscal year that focused on monitoring of performance measures. **Denominator:** # of quarterly meeting scheduled during the fiscal year.

Data Source (Select one):

Meeting minutes

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly

<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Number and percent of providers with Medicaid Provider Agreements that are executed in accordance with standards established by the Medicaid agency. N: # of providers with Medicaid Provider Agreements that are executed in accordance with standards established by the Medicaid agency. D: # of providers

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis(check each that applies):
<input type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

- ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.
- The OHS will provide oversight of the waiver by continuing to meet with the case management provider's staff on a weekly basis as well as conducting an annual review of the agency's records. In addition, OHS will review the results of the annual customer satisfaction survey to help identify problems/issues within the waiver and review performance measures with the case management provider on a quarterly basis.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

- i. Describe the State's method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.
- The OHS will provide technical assistance and/or education to the case management provider's staff on an issue by issue basis. Areas identified by waiver participants as needing improvement or non-satisfactory will be reviewed by OHS staff and plans to address the area(s) will be drafted and reviewed by the appropriate entity such as the MW Advisory Committee, departmental management, providers, etc.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

Responsible Party (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Administrative Authority that are currently non-operational.

- No
- Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Administrative Authority, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-1: Specification of the Waiver Target Group(s)

- a. **Target Group(s).** Under the waiver of Section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act, the State limits waiver services to one or more groups or subgroups of individuals. Please see the instruction manual for specifics regarding age limits. *In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(6), select one or more waiver target groups, check each of the subgroups in the selected target group(s) that may receive services under the waiver, and specify the minimum and maximum (if any) age of individuals served in each subgroup:*

Target Group	Included	Target SubGroup	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	
				Maximum Age Limit	No Maximum Age Limit
<input type="checkbox"/> Aged or Disabled, or Both - General					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aged	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled (Physical)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled (Other)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aged or Disabled, or Both - Specific Recognized Subgroups					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brain Injury	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	HIV/AIDS	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medically Fragile	0		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology Dependent			<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Disability or Developmental Disability, or Both				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Autism			<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Developmental Disability			<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intellectual Disability			<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serious Emotional Disturbance			

b. **Additional Criteria.** The State further specifies its target group(s) as follows:

Must:

- 1) meet hospital or nursing facility level of care,
- 2) apply to the waiver prior to the age of 22 years,
- 3) have disabilities and needs for home care which cannot be adequately addressed through provider services otherwise available under the Medicaid Program, and
- 4) meet the financial criteria required for waiver participation.

c. **Transition of Individuals Affected by Maximum Age Limitation.** When there is a maximum age limit that applies to individuals who may be served in the waiver, describe the transition planning procedures that are undertaken on behalf of participants affected by the age limit (*select one*):

- Not applicable. There is no maximum age limit**
- The following transition planning procedures are employed for participants who will reach the waiver's maximum age limit.**

Specify:

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-2: Individual Cost Limit (1 of 2)

a. **Individual Cost Limit.** The following individual cost limit applies when determining whether to deny home and community-based services or entrance to the waiver to an otherwise eligible individual (*select one*). Please note that a State may have only ONE individual cost limit for the purposes of determining eligibility for the waiver:

- No Cost Limit.** The State does not apply an individual cost limit. *Do not complete Item B-2-b or item B-2-c.*
- Cost Limit in Excess of Institutional Costs.** The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver up to an amount specified by the State. *Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.*

The limit specified by the State is (*select one*)

- A level higher than 100% of the institutional average.**

Specify the percentage:

Other

Specify:

- Institutional Cost Limit.** Pursuant to 42 CFR 441.301(a)(3), the State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed 100% of the cost of the level of care specified for the waiver. *Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.*
- Cost Limit Lower Than Institutional Costs.** The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise qualified individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the following amount specified by the State that is less than the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver.

Specify the basis of the limit, including evidence that the limit is sufficient to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants. Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.

The cost limit specified by the State is (select one):

The following dollar amount:

Specify dollar amount:

The dollar amount (select one)

Is adjusted each year that the waiver is in effect by applying the following formula:

Specify the formula:

May be adjusted during the period the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS to adjust the dollar amount.

The following percentage that is less than 100% of the institutional average:

Specify percent:

Other:

Specify:

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B-2: Individual Cost Limit (2 of 2)

- b. Method of Implementation of the Individual Cost Limit.** When an individual cost limit is specified in Item B-2-a, specify the procedures that are followed to determine in advance of waiver entrance that the individual's health and welfare can be assured within the cost limit:

The cost of the services needed by the individual and approved in the individual's Plan of Care (POC) are calculated prior to his/her enrollment in the waiver to ensure that the services the individual receives in the community do not exceed those which he/she would require and receive in an institutional setting.

If waiver entrance is denied, the individual is notified of the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing.

The waiver participant is notified in writing of all denial or reduction of services and apprised of his right to request a Fair Hearing within 90 days. In addition, the written notice advises the individual that services will be continued during the appeal process if the aggrieved action is appealed within the 10-day continuation of benefits period. Participants and/or their representatives may receive assistance applying for a fair hearing if requested from a provider or their case manager. Information is in the packet that is sent to the participant and/or representative regarding the adverse action, the Summary of Procedures for a Fair Hearing reflects contact information related to Legal Aid and Disabilities Rights Maryland (formerly Maryland Disability Law Center). This document also informs the participant that additional information can be submitted and will be reviewed before the hearing if the participant requests a reconsideration. This information is explained and reviewed with the participant during the multidisciplinary team meeting process as well.

Applicants and waiver participants are advised of their right to request a fair hearing by the following entities:

The UCA when a qualifying LOC is denied;
MDH when waiver or State Plan services are denied or reduced; and
MDH when an applicant is denied waiver eligibility.

- c. Participant Safeguards.** When the State specifies an individual cost limit in Item B-2-a and there is a change in the participant's condition or circumstances post-entrance to the waiver that requires the provision of services in an amount that exceeds the cost limit in order to assure the participant's health and welfare, the State has established the following safeguards to avoid an adverse impact on the participant (*check each that applies*):

- The participant is referred to another waiver that can accommodate the individual's needs.**
 Additional services in excess of the individual cost limit may be authorized.

Specify the procedures for authorizing additional services, including the amount that may be authorized:

- Other safeguard(s)**

Specify:

All opportunities to revise the Plan of Care are explored if a participant can no longer be served in a cost-neutral manner. In the event there is no solution available, the case manager will develop a discharge plan with the participant and representative(s) which may include referring the participant to the local health department, Maryland Access Point (MAP), Adult Evaluation and Referral Services program, to provide detailed assistance in identifying non-waiver community resources and other support services. Participants may also be referred to the Medicaid group who conduct monthly Coordination of Services meetings. The members of this meeting group help to evaluate available individual options which may include making recommendations and referrals to other waiver or Medicaid programs. The Medicaid unit of the local department of social services is also a typical referral source when there are issues related to Medicaid eligibility.

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B-3: Number of Individuals Served (1 of 4)

- a. Unduplicated Number of Participants.** The following table specifies the maximum number of unduplicated participants who are served in each year that the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS

to modify the number of participants specified for any year(s), including when a modification is necessary due to legislative appropriation or another reason. The number of unduplicated participants specified in this table is basis for the cost-neutrality calculations in Appendix J:

Table: B-3-a

Waiver Year	Unduplicated Number of Participants
Year 1	219
Year 2	219
Year 3	220
Year 4	221
Year 5	222

- b. **Limitation on the Number of Participants Served at Any Point in Time.** Consistent with the unduplicated number of participants specified in Item B-3-a, the State may limit to a lesser number the number of participants who will be served at any point in time during a waiver year. Indicate whether the State limits the number of participants in this way: (*select one*):

- The State does not limit the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.
- The State limits the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.

The limit that applies to each year of the waiver period is specified in the following table:

Table: B-3-b

Waiver Year	Maximum Number of Participants Served At Any Point During the Year
Year 1	200
Year 2	200
Year 3	200
Year 4	200
Year 5	200

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B-3: Number of Individuals Served (2 of 4)

- c. **Reserved Waiver Capacity.** The State may reserve a portion of the participant capacity of the waiver for specified purposes (e.g., provide for the community transition of institutionalized persons or furnish waiver services to individuals experiencing a crisis) subject to CMS review and approval. The State (*select one*):
- Not applicable. The state does not reserve capacity.
- The State reserves capacity for the following purpose(s).

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B-3: Number of Individuals Served (3 of 4)

- d. **Scheduled Phase-In or Phase-Out.** Within a waiver year, the State may make the number of participants who are served subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule (*select one*):
- The waiver is not subject to a phase-in or a phase-out schedule.
- The waiver is subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule that is included in Attachment #1 to Appendix B-3. This schedule constitutes an intra-year limitation on the number of participants who are served in the

waiver.

e. **Allocation of Waiver Capacity.**

Select one:

- Waiver capacity is allocated/managed on a statewide basis.**
- Waiver capacity is allocated to local/regional non-state entities.**

Specify: (a) the entities to which waiver capacity is allocated; (b) the methodology that is used to allocate capacity and how often the methodology is reevaluated; and, (c) policies for the reallocation of unused capacity among local/regional non-state entities:

f. **Selection of Entrants to the Waiver.** Specify the policies that apply to the selection of individuals for entrance to the waiver:

The individuals selected for participation in the MW must:

- 1) meet the qualifying LOC,
- 2) demonstrate that they meet cost neutrality, and
- 3) have a POC that ensures health and safety in the community via waiver and State plan services.

Costs to the State for services received in the community shall not exceed that of institutional care. In addition, individuals are selected in accordance with the Model Waiver's pre-qualified prioritized waiting list process. This pre-qualified prioritized waiting list identifies individuals who medically and technically qualify for the Model Waiver and for whom capacity is not currently available. Medically and technically pre-qualified individuals are prioritized based upon specific criteria and placed in one of 6 categories. The 6 categories are prioritized based upon the degree of unmet need and risk of institutionalization. An individual's placement in any of the categories may be fluid based upon his/her changing needs.

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B-3: Number of Individuals Served - Attachment #1 (4 of 4)

Answers provided in Appendix B-3-d indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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B-4: Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver

a.

1. **State Classification.** The State is a (*select one*):

- §1634 State
- SSI Criteria State
- 209(b) State

2. **Miller Trust State.**

Indicate whether the State is a Miller Trust State (*select one*):

- No
- Yes

b. **Medicaid Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver.** Individuals who receive services under this waiver are eligible under the following eligibility groups contained in the State plan. The State applies all applicable federal financial participation limits under the plan. *Check all that apply*:

Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver (excluding the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217)

- Low income families with children as provided in §1931 of the Act
- SSI recipients
- Aged, blind or disabled in 209(b) states who are eligible under 42 CFR §435.121
- Optional State supplement recipients
- Optional categorically needy aged and/or disabled individuals who have income at:

Select one:

- 100% of the Federal poverty level (FPL)
- % of FPL, which is lower than 100% of FPL.

Specify percentage:

- Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (BBA working disabled group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Act)
- Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIA Basic Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act)
- Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIA Medical Improvement Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI) of the Act)
- Disabled individuals age 18 or younger who would require an institutional level of care (TEFRA 134 eligibility group as provided in §1902(e)(3) of the Act)
- Medically needy in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)
- Medically needy in 1634 States and SSI Criteria States (42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)
- Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)

Specify:

Children for whom adoption assistance or foster care maintenance payments are made under title IV-E (42 CFR §435.145)
 Medically needy individuals under 21 years of age (42 CFR §435.308)
 Individuals ineligible for AFDC/TCA because of requirements that do not apply under title XIX of the Act (42CFR§435.113)
 Individuals who meet the income and resource requirements of the cash assistance programs (42CFR§435.210)
 Optional coverage of the medically needy (42CFR§435.301 Subpart D)
 Children and pregnant and postpartum women at or below 250% of FPL included in the State Plan (1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) and 1902 (1) of the Social Security Act)
 Newborn children (42CFR§435.117)
 Children at least 1 year old under 6 years of age with family incomes at or below 133% FPL (1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI) and 1902 (1)(1)(C))
 Children older than 6 years and younger than 19 years of age with family incomes at or below 100% FPL 1902 (a)(10)(A)(i)(VII) AND 1902 (1)(1)(D)
 Optional targeted low-income children 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIV)
 State subsidized adoption assistance 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VIII)

Special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217 Note: When the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217 is included, Appendix B-5 must be completed

- No. The State does not furnish waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217. Appendix B-5 is not submitted.
- Yes. The State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217.

Select one and complete Appendix B-5.

- All individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217
- Only the following groups of individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217

Check each that applies:

- A special income level equal to:

Select one:

- 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)
- A percentage of FBR, which is lower than 300% (42 CFR §435.236)

Specify percentage:

- A dollar amount which is lower than 300%.

Specify dollar amount:

- Aged, blind and disabled individuals who meet requirements that are more restrictive than the SSI program (42 CFR §435.121)
- Medically needy without spenddown in States which also provide Medicaid to recipients of SSI (42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)
- Medically needy without spend down in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)
- Aged and disabled individuals who have income at:

Select one:

- 100% of FPL
- % of FPL, which is lower than 100%.

Specify percentage amount:

- Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)

Specify:

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B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (1 of 7)

In accordance with 42 CFR §441.303(e), Appendix B-5 must be completed when the State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217, as indicated in Appendix B-4. Post-eligibility applies only to the 42 CFR §435.217 group.

- a. **Use of Spousal Impoverishment Rules.** Indicate whether spousal impoverishment rules are used to determine eligibility for the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217:

Note: For the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014, the following instructions are mandatory. The following box should be checked for all waivers that furnish waiver services to the 42 CFR §435.217 group effective at any point during this time period.

- Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are used to determine the eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. In the case of a participant with a community spouse, the State uses *spousal* post-eligibility rules under §1924 of the Act. Complete Items B-5-e (if the selection for B-4-a-i is SSI State or §1634) or B-5-f (if the selection for B-4-a-i is 209b State) and Item B-5-g unless the state indicates that it also uses spousal post-eligibility rules for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.**

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018 (select one).

- Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are used to determine the eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group.**

In the case of a participant with a community spouse, the State elects to (*select one*):

- Use spousal post-eligibility rules under §1924 of the Act.**
(Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State) and Item B-5-d)
- Use regular post-eligibility rules under 42 CFR §435.726 (SSI State) or under §435.735 (209b State)**
(Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State). Do not complete Item B-5-d)
- Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are not used to determine eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. The State uses regular post-eligibility rules for individuals with a community spouse.**
(Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State). Do not complete Item B-5-d)

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (2 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

b. Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: SSI State.

The State uses the post-eligibility rules at 42 CFR 435.726 for individuals who do not have a spouse or have a spouse who is not a community spouse as specified in §1924 of the Act. Payment for home and community-based waiver services is reduced by the amount remaining after deducting the following allowances and expenses from the waiver participant's income:

i. Allowance for the needs of the waiver participant (*select one*):

- The following standard included under the State plan**

Select one:

- SSI standard**
- Optional State supplement standard**
- Medically needy income standard**
- The special income level for institutionalized persons**

(*select one*):

- 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)**
- A percentage of the FBR, which is less than 300%**

Specify the percentage:

- A dollar amount which is less than 300%.**

Specify dollar amount:

- A percentage of the Federal poverty level**

Specify percentage:

- Other standard included under the State Plan**

Specify:

- The following dollar amount**

Specify dollar amount: If this amount changes, this item will be revised.

- The following formula is used to determine the needs allowance:**

Specify:

- Other**

Specify:

ii. Allowance for the spouse only (select one):

- Not Applicable**
- The state provides an allowance for a spouse who does not meet the definition of a community spouse in §1924 of the Act. Describe the circumstances under which this allowance is provided:**

Specify:

Specify the amount of the allowance (select one):

- SSI standard**
- Optional State supplement standard**
- Medically needy income standard**
- The following dollar amount:**

Specify dollar amount: If this amount changes, this item will be revised.

- The amount is determined using the following formula:**

Specify:

iii. **Allowance for the family (select one):**

- Not Applicable (see instructions)**
- AFDC need standard**
- Medically needy income standard**
- The following dollar amount:**

Specify dollar amount: The amount specified cannot exceed the higher of the need standard for a family of the same size used to determine eligibility under the State's approved AFDC plan or the medically needy income standard established under 42 CFR §435.811 for a family of the same size. If this amount changes, this item will be revised.

- The amount is determined using the following formula:**

Specify:

- Other**

Specify:

iv. **Amounts for incurred medical or remedial care expenses not subject to payment by a third party, specified in 42 §CFR 435.726:**

- a. Health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-insurance charges
- b. Necessary medical or remedial care expenses recognized under State law but not covered under the State's Medicaid plan, subject to reasonable limits that the State may establish on the amounts of these expenses.

Select one:

- Not Applicable (see instructions)** *Note: If the State protects the maximum amount for the waiver participant, not applicable must be selected.*
- The State does not establish reasonable limits.**
- The State establishes the following reasonable limits**

Specify:

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (3 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

c. **Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: 209(B) State.**

Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (4 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

d. **Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income Using Spousal Impoverishment Rules**

The State uses the post-eligibility rules of §1924(d) of the Act (spousal impoverishment protection) to determine the contribution of a participant with a community spouse toward the cost of home and community-based care if it determines the individual's eligibility under §1924 of the Act. There is deducted from the participant's monthly income a personal needs allowance (as specified below), a community spouse's allowance and a family allowance as specified in the State Medicaid Plan. The State must also protect amounts for incurred expenses for medical or remedial care (as specified below).

i. **Allowance for the personal needs of the waiver participant**

(select one):

- SSI standard
- Optional State supplement standard
- Medically needy income standard
- The special income level for institutionalized persons
- A percentage of the Federal poverty level

Specify percentage:

- The following dollar amount:

Specify dollar amount: If this amount changes, this item will be revised

- The following formula is used to determine the needs allowance:

Specify formula:

- Other

Specify:

- ii. **If the allowance for the personal needs of a waiver participant with a community spouse is different from the amount used for the individual's maintenance allowance under 42 CFR §435.726 or 42 CFR §435.735, explain why this amount is reasonable to meet the individual's maintenance needs in the community.**

Select one:

- Allowance is the same
- Allowance is different.

Explanation of difference:

iii. Amounts for incurred medical or remedial care expenses not subject to payment by a third party, specified in 42 CFR §435.726:

- a. Health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-insurance charges
- b. Necessary medical or remedial care expenses recognized under State law but not covered under the State's Medicaid plan, subject to reasonable limits that the State may establish on the amounts of these expenses.

Select one:

- Not Applicable (see instructions)***Note: If the State protects the maximum amount for the waiver participant, not applicable must be selected.*
- The State does not establish reasonable limits.**
- The State uses the same reasonable limits as are used for regular (non-spousal) post-eligibility.**

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (5 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.

e. Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: §1634 State - 2014 through 2018.

Answers provided in Appendix B-5-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (6 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.

f. Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: 209(B) State - 2014 through 2018.

Answers provided in Appendix B-5-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (7 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.

g. Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income Using Spousal Impoverishment Rules - 2014 through 2018.

The State uses the post-eligibility rules of §1924(d) of the Act (spousal impoverishment protection) to determine the contribution of a participant with a community spouse toward the cost of home and community-based care. There is

deducted from the participant's monthly income a personal needs allowance (as specified below), a community spouse's allowance and a family allowance as specified in the State Medicaid Plan. The State must also protect amounts for incurred expenses for medical or remedial care (as specified below).

Answers provided in Appendix B-5-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-6: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care

As specified in 42 CFR §441.302(c), the State provides for an evaluation (and periodic reevaluations) of the need for the level (s) of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual may need such services in the near future (one month or less), but for the availability of home and community-based waiver services.

- a. Reasonable Indication of Need for Services.** In order for an individual to be determined to need waiver services, an individual must require: (a) the provision of at least one waiver service, as documented in the service plan, and (b) the provision of waiver services at least monthly or, if the need for services is less than monthly, the participant requires regular monthly monitoring which must be documented in the service plan. Specify the State's policies concerning the reasonable indication of the need for services:

i. Minimum number of services.

The minimum number of waiver services (one or more) that an individual must require in order to be determined to need waiver services is:

ii. Frequency of services. The State requires (select one):

- The provision of waiver services at least monthly**
 Monthly monitoring of the individual when services are furnished on a less than monthly basis

If the State also requires a minimum frequency for the provision of waiver services other than monthly (e.g., quarterly), specify the frequency:

- b. Responsibility for Performing Evaluations and Reevaluations.** Level of care evaluations and reevaluations are performed (*select one*):

- Directly by the Medicaid agency**
 By the operating agency specified in Appendix A
 By an entity under contract with the Medicaid agency.

Specify the entity:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) contracts with a Utilization Control Agent (UCA) to conduct initial determinations as well as annual re-determinations of medical eligibility.

- Other**
Specify:

- c. Qualifications of Individuals Performing Initial Evaluation:** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), specify the educational/professional qualifications of individuals who perform the initial evaluation of level of care for waiver applicants:

The UCA employs licensed registered nurses to determine LOC. The UCA employs a physician, as does MDH, who will assist in the determination of LOC when there are unusually complex or contested decisions by the nurse reviewers. All LOC determinations are subject to the review and approval of the Medicaid agency.

- d. Level of Care Criteria.** Fully specify the level of care criteria that are used to evaluate and reevaluate whether an individual needs services through the waiver and that serve as the basis of the State's level of care instrument/tool. Specify the level of care instrument/tool that is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies concerning level of care criteria and the level of care instrument/tool are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable), including the instrument/tool utilized.

The LOC required for eligibility for MW participation is hospital or nursing facility LOC. The UCA uses standardized LOC evaluation tools to assess each individual for hospital or nursing facility LOC. The tool used to determine the individual's LOC is either the 3871 or the 3871B form. The 3871B form is used to determine LOC eligibility for ventilator-dependent individuals. The 3871 form is used to determine LOC eligibility for all other individuals.

- e. Level of Care Instrument(s).** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(2), indicate whether the instrument/tool used to evaluate level of care for the waiver differs from the instrument/tool used to evaluate institutional level of care (*select one*):
- The same instrument is used in determining the level of care for the waiver and for institutional care under the State Plan.**
 - A different instrument is used to determine the level of care for the waiver than for institutional care under the State plan.**

Describe how and why this instrument differs from the form used to evaluate institutional level of care and explain how the outcome of the determination is reliable, valid, and fully comparable.

- f. Process for Level of Care Evaluation/Reevaluation:** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), describe the process for evaluating waiver applicants for their need for the level of care under the waiver. If the reevaluation process differs from the evaluation process, describe the differences:

The individual's physician completes and signs the 3871 or 3871B form which is then submitted to the UCA for determination of LOC. A letter is sent to an applicant or participant who is determined to meet the medical eligibility criteria. If an individual is denied a qualifying LOC, a denial letter is issued with the right to request a fair hearing. Enrolled participants are reevaluated at least annually for LOC.

- g. Reevaluation Schedule.** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(4), reevaluations of the level of care required by a participant are conducted no less frequently than annually according to the following schedule (*select one*):

- Every three months**
- Every six months**
- Every twelve months**
- Other schedule**

Specify the other schedule:

- h. Qualifications of Individuals Who Perform Reevaluations.** Specify the qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations (*select one*):

- The qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations are the same as individuals who perform initial evaluations.**
- The qualifications are different.**

Specify the qualifications:

- i. Procedures to Ensure Timely Reevaluations.** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(4), specify the procedures that the State

employs to ensure timely reevaluations of level of care (*specify*):

The DONS' Nurse Consultant for the MW maintains a tickler system to ensure timely re-evaluations of LOC are submitted and processed by the UCA. The Nurse Consultant forwards a list of those individuals who are due re-certifications to the case management provider on a monthly basis. In addition, the Nurse Consultant validates that a re-determination of LOC has been received for each individual on the monthly list.

- j. **Maintenance of Evaluation/Reevaluation Records.** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(3), the State assures that written and/or electronically retrievable documentation of all evaluations and reevaluations are maintained for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR §92.42. Specify the location(s) where records of evaluations and reevaluations of level of care are maintained:

Records of evaluations and re-evaluations of LOC are maintained by the UCA for a minimum of 3 years. In addition, the DONS maintains a copy of the LOC determination in the client's records for a minimum of 3 years.

Appendix B: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care

Quality Improvement: Level of Care

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State's methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Level of Care Assurance/Sub-assurances

The state demonstrates that it implements the processes and instrument(s) specified in its approved waiver for evaluating/reevaluating an applicant's/waiver participant's level of care consistent with level of care provided in a hospital, NF or ICF/IID.

i. Sub-Assurances:

- a. **Sub-assurance:** *An evaluation for LOC is provided to all applicants for whom there is reasonable indication that services may be needed in the future.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of initial level of care determinations made; Numerator: Total # of initial LOC determinations; Denominator: Total # of waiver applicants

Data Source (Select one):

Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review

<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of LOC determination made timely by the UCA; **Numerator:** Total # of timely (within 3 business days of receipt) initial LOC decisions;
Denominator: Total # of initial LOC decisions

Data Source (Select one):

Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:

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- b. **Sub-assurance:** *The levels of care of enrolled participants are reevaluated at least annually or as specified in the approved waiver.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of LOC determinations made every 12 months; **Numerator:** Total # of LOC re-determinations; **Denominator:** Total # of waiver participants

Data Source (Select one):

Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input style="width: 80%;"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input style="width: 90%;"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input style="width: 90%;"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input style="width: 90%;"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	

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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

- c. *Sub-assurance: The processes and instruments described in the approved waiver are applied appropriately and according to the approved description to determine participant level of care.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Number and percent of LOC initial determinations completed according to State policies and procedures. **Numerator:** number of LOC initial determinations completed according to State policies and procedures. **Denominator:** number of initial determinations reviewed.

Data Source (Select one):

Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

In addition, the LOC determination notice is reviewed by OHS staff upon receipt for appropriateness.

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: semi-annually

- ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

The DONs Nurse Consultant reviews the LOC determinations monthly. If the LOC determination differs

from the participant's prior LOC and there have been no major changes in the participant's medical needs/condition, the Nurse Consultant requests a review of the determination to confirm its accuracy.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

- i. Describe the State's method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

Program staff will work with UCA to ensure timeliness of initial and re-determination LOC decisions. MDH performs a review of UCA performance for timeliness and appropriateness of initial and re-determination LOC decisions. If the review results indicate on-going, systemic problems in LOC decision-making, MDH will pursue a series of corrective actions including convening clinical staff to review cases in dispute and identify areas where additional training may be required. MDH staff may also conduct training for the UCA's staff. If training fails to improve the UCA's performance, MDH will increase the level of Departmental involvement in the decision-making process before issuing notices to waiver applicants and participants. If these efforts fail to improve performance, the Department will pursue financial sanctions against the UCA and, as a last resort, terminate the UCA's contract.

ii. **Remediation Data Aggregation**

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

Responsible Party (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Level of Care that are currently non-operational.

- No**
 Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Level of Care, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-7: Freedom of Choice

Freedom of Choice. As provided in 42 CFR §441.302(d), when an individual is determined to be likely to require a level of care for this waiver, the individual or his or her legal representative is:

- i. informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and
- ii. given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based services.

- a. **Procedures.** Specify the State's procedures for informing eligible individuals (or their legal representatives) of the feasible alternatives available under the waiver and allowing these individuals to choose either institutional or waiver services. Identify the form(s) that are employed to document freedom of choice. The form or forms are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

The MW case manager assists the waiver applicant or his/her parent/guardian in completing a Freedom of Choice form which requires the applicant to choose between institutional and community-based services. The application packet is not considered complete and the applicant will not be enrolled in the MW until the Freedom of Choice form is signed. The Freedom of Choice form reflects the individual's or his legal representative's election of community-based vs. institutional services. The form does not contain information about the services that are available under the waiver. This information is presented to the applicant or his legal representative at the time the case manager performs the home assessment, prior to enrollment in the waiver.

- b. **Maintenance of Forms.** Per 45 CFR §92.42, written copies or electronically retrievable facsimiles of Freedom of Choice forms are maintained for a minimum of three years. Specify the locations where copies of these forms are maintained.

The signed original Freedom of Choice form is maintained by the case management provider in the participant's permanent record as well as a copy is maintained by the DON'S' Nurse Consultant for the MW for a minimum of three years.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-8: Access to Services by Limited English Proficiency Persons

Access to Services by Limited English Proficient Persons. Specify the methods that the State uses to provide meaningful access to the waiver by Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (68 FR 47311 - August 8, 2003):

The State provides meaningful access to individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) who are applying for or receiving Medicaid services. Methods include providing interpreters at no cost to participants and translations of forms and documents. Additionally, interpreter resources are available for individuals who contact MDH for information, requests for assistance or complaints.

The MDH website contains useful information on Medicaid waivers and other programs and resources. The website will translate this information into a number of languages that are predominant in the community. The State also provides translation services at fair hearings if necessary. If an LEP appellant attends a hearing without first requesting services of an interpreter, the administrative law judge will not proceed unless there is an assurance from the appellant that they are able to sufficiently understand the proceedings. If not, the hearing will be postponed until an interpreter has been secured.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1: Summary of Services Covered (1 of 2)

- a. **Waiver Services Summary.** List the services that are furnished under the waiver in the following table. If case management is not a service under the waiver, complete items C-1-b and C-1-c:

Service Type	Service		
Statutory Service	Case Management		
Statutory Service	Certified Nursing Assistant Service		
Statutory Service	Medical Day Care		
Other Service	Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting		
Other Service	Private duty nursing service		

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

Statutory Service ▼

Service:

Case Management ▼

Alternate Service Title (if any):

HCBS Taxonomy:**Category 1:**

01 Case Management

Sub-Category 1:

01010 case management ▼

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one :

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.**
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.**
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.**

Service Definition (Scope):

Case management includes locating, arranging, monitoring and coordinating the comprehensive package of health-related services necessary in meeting the identified need of the waiver participant as specified in his or her POC. Each case manager is licensed as a registered nurse.

The case management provider is required to have a written agreement with each participant which includes the following:

- A description of the types, amount, frequency, and duration of home care services to be provided to the participant as ordered by the principal physician and specified in the approved plan of care;
- A statement that the participant or responsible representatives have access to the individual plan of care and will be involved in its development and periodic review;
- The name, address, telephone number, and Medical Assistance number of the participant;
- The dated signatures of the participant or legally authorized representative, and the provider representative;
- A statement that utilization of available services and selection among approved enrolled providers is subject to participant choice;

- A statement that services will at all times be provided without discrimination with regard to race, color, age, sex, national origin, marital status, or physical or mental challenge.

The agency must be available to participants at least 8 hours a day, 5 days a week with established hours of operation and maintain written and implemented formalized policies and procedures developed before participation concerning:

- Medical records for each participant which include at a minimum the application for home care, plan of care, orders for home care services, documentation of nursing observations at least every 30 days, social history, and home care cost worksheets establishing initial participant eligibility and continued eligibility on a quarterly basis;
- Utilization review which includes the development of a home care review procedure completed every 6 months for all participants to evaluate the appropriateness of home care, the efficiency, adequacy, and coordination of home care services, with the objective of achieving the least costly yet appropriate delivery of services under the waiver.

The case management agency is responsible for convening the multidisciplinary team which:

- Upon receipt of the principal physician's orders assesses the appropriateness of home care for the participant;
- Determines the medical, psychological, social, and functional status of each participant;
- Develops an individual plan of care in conjunction with the principal physician's orders; and
- Reviews and updates the individual plan of care.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

There are no arbitrary limits on the amount, frequency or duration of the services.

Service Delivery Method (*check each that applies*):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (*check each that applies*):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Agency	Case management agency

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service

Service Name: Case Management

Provider Category:

Agency ▼

Provider Type:

Case management agency

Provider Qualifications

License (*specify*):

The case management agency must meet all applicable licensure and certification requirements of the

jurisdiction in which the agency is providing services and not be a provider of medical supplies and equipment or nursing services. Each case manager is licensed as a registered nurse.

Certificate (*specify*):

Other Standard (*specify*):

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

Division of Nursing Services (DONS)
Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Policy and Compliance Division

Frequency of Verification:

Upon enrollment as a waiver provider
Medicaid provider revalidation is a requirement from 42 C.F.R. § 455.414 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires all state Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers at least every five years.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

Service:

Alternate Service Title (if any):

Certified Nursing Assistant Service

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

Sub-Category 1:

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one :

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.

- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):

The home health aide/certified nursing assistant services provided to participants are available to waiver participants of any age. The services are rendered by home health aides, certified nursing assistants and individuals dually certified as nursing assistants and medication technicians.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

There are no arbitrary limits on the amount, frequency or duration of the services. Services must be medically necessary, physician-ordered, directly related to the individual's POC and cost neutral.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
 Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
 Relative
 Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Agency	Medicare certified home health agencies (HH)
Agency	Licensed residential service agencies (RSA)

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service

Service Name: Certified Nursing Assistant Service

Provider Category:

Agency ▼

Provider Type:

Medicare certified home health agencies (HH)

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Home Health Agency license issued by OHCQ

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

Medicare certified and enrolled as a Medicare provider

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

DONS

OHCQ

MDH, Policy and Compliance Division

Frequency of Verification:

Verification of current licensure is required prior to provider enrollment as well as on an annual basis; verification of Medicare certification and enrollment is required prior to enrollment.

Medicaid provider revalidation is a requirement from 42 C.F.R. § 455.414 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires all state Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers at least every five years.

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service

Service Name: Certified Nursing Assistant Service

Provider Category:

Agency ▼

Provider Type:

Licensed residential service agencies (RSA)

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

RSA license issued by OHCQ

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

DONS

OHCQ

MDH, Policy and Compliance Division

Frequency of Verification:

Verification of current licensure is required prior to provider enrollment as well as on an annual basis.

Medicaid provider revalidation is a requirement from 42 C.F.R. § 455.414 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires all state Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers at least every five years.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

Statutory Service ▼

Service:

Adult Day Health ▼

Alternate Service Title (if any):

Medical Day Care

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

Sub-Category 1:

04 Day Services

04050 adult day health ▼

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one :

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.**
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.**
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.**

Service Definition (Scope):

Medical day care was added to the Program during the waiver renewal effective July 1, 2008. Medical day care is a program of medically supervised, health-related services provided in an ambulatory setting to medically handicapped individuals who, due to their degree of impairment, need health maintenance and restorative services supportive to their community living. Although this is a covered service under the MW, only one participant has elected this service since its implementation. Eligibility for MDC program is 16 or older. Approximately 10% of MW participants are over the age of 16. Few MDC Centers in Maryland target this young population. While eligible for the service, most MW participants in this age group elect in-home services. As the participants age and/or the number of MDC Centers targeting a younger population expand, utilization of this service is expected to increase.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

There are no arbitrary limits on the amount, frequency or duration of the service.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Agency	Medical Day Care

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service

Service Name: Medical Day Care

Provider Category:

Agency

Provider Type:

Medical Day Care

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Licensed by OHCQ

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

Meet the requirements of COMAR 10.09.07 for medical day care providers.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

MDH, Office of Health Services

MDH, Policy and Compliance Division

Frequency of Verification:

Current licensure is verified at the time of provider enrollment; the OHCQ notifies OHS staff if licensure is not renewed (2 yr. licensure), suspended, etc.

Medicaid provider revalidation is a requirement from 42 C.F.R. § 455.414 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires all state Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers at least every five years.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:

Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

Sub-Category 1:

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one :

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.**
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.**

- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):

The principal physician is a licensed specialty physician who is part of the multidisciplinary team who prescribes home care services and signs the POC of the participant.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

There are no arbitrary limits on the amount, frequency or duration of the service.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
 Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
 Relative
 Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Individual	Physician

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service

Service Name: Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting

Provider Category:

Individual ▾

Provider Type:

Physician

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Licensed as a physician in Maryland or the jurisdiction in which they practice

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

Must be declared board-certified or eligible by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or has been declared board-certified or eligible, by a specialty board approved by the Advisory Board of Osteopathic Specialists and the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

MDH, Provider Enrollment

MDH, Policy and Compliance Division

Frequency of Verification:

Current licensure is required prior to provider enrollment as well as on an annual basis

Medicaid provider revalidation is a requirement from 42 C.F.R. § 455.414 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires all state Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers at least every five years.

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State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

Other Service ▼

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:

Private duty nursing service

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

05 Nursing

Sub-Category 1:

05010 private duty nursing ▼

Category 2:

▼

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

▼

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

▼

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one :

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.**
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.**
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.**

Service Definition (Scope):

The private duty nursing services provided under the MW are for individuals 21 years of age and older. The services are rendered by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

There are no arbitrary limits on the amount, frequency or duration of the services. Services must be medically necessary, physician-ordered, the cost of all services provided under the individual's POC must be cost neutral and directly related to the POC. Services which are for the convenience or preference of the recipient or the primary caregiver rather than as required by the participant's medical condition are not covered nor are services which duplicate or supplant services rendered by the participant's family or primary caregivers as well as other insurance, privilege, entitlement, or program services that the participant receives or is eligible to receive.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E**
- Provider managed**

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person**
- Relative**

Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Agency	Medicare certified home health agencies (HH)
Agency	Licensed residential service agencies (RSA)

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service

Service Name: Private duty nursing service

Provider Category:

Agency ▼

Provider Type:

Medicare certified home health agencies (HH)

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Home Health Agency license issued by the State's Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ)

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

Medicare certified and enrolled as a Medicare provider

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

DONS

Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ)

MDH, Policy and Compliance Division

Frequency of Verification:

Verification of current licensure is required prior to provider enrollment as well as on an annual basis; verification of Medicare certification and enrollment is required prior to enrollment.

Medicaid provider revalidation is a requirement from 42 C.F.R. § 455.414 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires all state Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers at least every five years.

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service

Service Name: Private duty nursing service

Provider Category:

Agency ▼

Provider Type:

Licensed residential service agencies (RSA)

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

RSA license issued by the State's OHCQ

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

	 
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Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

DONS

OHCQ

MDH, Policy and Compliance Division

Frequency of Verification:

Verification of current licensure is required prior to provider enrollment as well as on an annual basis.

Medicaid provider revalidation is a requirement from 42 C.F.R. § 455.414 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires all state Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers at least every five years.

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C-1: Summary of Services Covered (2 of 2)

- b. Provision of Case Management Services to Waiver Participants.** Indicate how case management is furnished to waiver participants (*select one*):

Not applicable - Case management is not furnished as a distinct activity to waiver participants.

Applicable - Case management is furnished as a distinct activity to waiver participants.

Check each that applies:

As a waiver service defined in Appendix C-3. Do not complete item C-1-c.

As a Medicaid State plan service under §1915(i) of the Act (HCBS as a State Plan Option). Complete item C-1-c.

As a Medicaid State plan service under §1915(g)(1) of the Act (Targeted Case Management). Complete item C-1-c.

As an administrative activity. Complete item C-1-c.

- c. Delivery of Case Management Services.** Specify the entity or entities that conduct case management functions on behalf of waiver participants:

The participants receive case management services via an enrolled Medicaid provider.

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C-2: General Service Specifications (1 of 3)

- a. Criminal History and/or Background Investigations.** Specify the State's policies concerning the conduct of criminal history and/or background investigations of individuals who provide waiver services (*select one*):

No. Criminal history and/or background investigations are not required.

Yes. Criminal history and/or background investigations are required.

Specify: (a) the types of positions (e.g., personal assistants, attendants) for which such investigations must be conducted; (b) the scope of such investigations (e.g., state, national); and, (c) the process for ensuring that mandatory investigations have been conducted. State laws, regulations and policies referenced in this description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid or the operating agency (if applicable):

(a) The State requires that agencies providing nursing and/or shift home health aide/certified nursing assistant services to waiver participants conduct a criminal investigation of individuals providing services to Medicaid clients.

(b) The scope of the investigations is statewide.

(c) Criminal background checks are completed at 3 points:

When DONS staff review provider applications before approval as a Medicaid provider;

When DONS staff conduct audits of the provider agencies; and

When the Policy and Compliance Division complete provider revalidations in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 455.414 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires all state Medicaid agencies to revalidate the enrollment of all providers at least every five years.

In addition, the DONS mails providers a list of individuals who are prohibited from participating in Medicaid as listed on the following websites: <http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/> and www.mbon.org (Maryland Board of Nursing).

- b. Abuse Registry Screening.** Specify whether the State requires the screening of individuals who provide waiver services through a State-maintained abuse registry (select one):

- No. The State does not conduct abuse registry screening.**
- Yes. The State maintains an abuse registry and requires the screening of individuals through this registry.**

Specify: (a) the entity (entities) responsible for maintaining the abuse registry; (b) the types of positions for which abuse registry screenings must be conducted; and, (c) the process for ensuring that mandatory screenings have been conducted. State laws, regulations and policies referenced in this description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable):

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C-2: General Service Specifications (2 of 3)

- c. Services in Facilities Subject to §1616(e) of the Social Security Act.** *Select one:*

- No. Home and community-based services under this waiver are not provided in facilities subject to §1616 (e) of the Act.**
- Yes. Home and community-based services are provided in facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act. The standards that apply to each type of facility where waiver services are provided are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).**

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C-2: General Service Specifications (3 of 3)

- d. Provision of Personal Care or Similar Services by Legally Responsible Individuals.** A legally responsible individual is any person who has a duty under State law to care for another person and typically includes: (a) the parent (biological or adoptive) of a minor child or the guardian of a minor child who must provide care to the child or (b) a spouse of a waiver participant. Except at the option of the State and under extraordinary circumstances specified by the State, payment may not be made to a legally responsible individual for the provision of personal care or similar services that the legally responsible individual would ordinarily perform or be responsible to perform on behalf of a waiver participant. *Select one:*

- No. The State does not make payment to legally responsible individuals for furnishing personal care or similar services.**
- Yes. The State makes payment to legally responsible individuals for furnishing personal care or similar services when they are qualified to provide the services.**

Specify: (a) the legally responsible individuals who may be paid to furnish such services and the services they

may provide; (b) State policies that specify the circumstances when payment may be authorized for the provision of *extraordinary care* by a legally responsible individual and how the State ensures that the provision of services by a legally responsible individual is in the best interest of the participant; and, (c) the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered. *Also, specify in Appendix C-1/C-3 the personal care or similar services for which payment may be made to legally responsible individuals under the State policies specified here.*

Self-directed

Agency-operated

- e. **Other State Policies Concerning Payment for Waiver Services Furnished by Relatives/Legal Guardians.** Specify State policies concerning making payment to relatives/legal guardians for the provision of waiver services over and above the policies addressed in Item C-2-d. *Select one:*

- The State does not make payment to relatives/legal guardians for furnishing waiver services.**
- The State makes payment to relatives/legal guardians under specific circumstances and only when the relative/guardian is qualified to furnish services.**

Specify the specific circumstances under which payment is made, the types of relatives/legal guardians to whom payment may be made, and the services for which payment may be made. Specify the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered. *Also, specify in Appendix C-1/C-3 each waiver service for which payment may be made to relatives/legal guardians.*

- Relatives/legal guardians may be paid for providing waiver services whenever the relative/legal guardian is qualified to provide services as specified in Appendix C-1/C-3.**

Specify the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered.

- Other policy.**

Specify:

- f. **Open Enrollment of Providers.** Specify the processes that are employed to assure that all willing and qualified providers have the opportunity to enroll as waiver service providers as provided in 42 CFR §431.51:

Provider enrollment for the MW program is an open and continuous process. Providers can apply to become providers by requesting a provider enrollment packet from Medicaid's Provider Enrollment Division and/or the MDH website <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Provider-Information.aspx>. Completed applications are returned to the DONS for review and approval or denial.

Potential providers have access to information regarding the MW including information concerning conditions for participation. Medicaid program transmittals are listed on the Maryland Department of Health's website. Copies of regulations and transmittals can also be requested from the DONS. The availability of information pertaining to the conditions for participation as a provider of waiver services as well as the existence of an open and continuous enrollment process demonstrates that all willing and qualified providers of waiver services have the opportunity to enroll as a Medicaid provider to render services to MW participants.

Appendix C: Participant Services

Quality Improvement: Qualified Providers

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State's methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Qualified Providers

The state demonstrates that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for assuring that all waiver services are provided by qualified providers.

i. Sub-Assurances:

- a. *Sub-Assurance: The State verifies that providers initially and continually meet required licensure and/or certification standards and adhere to other standards prior to their furnishing waiver services.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of providers who meet licensure and/or certification standards;

Numerator: Total # of audited providers who meet licensure and/or certification standards; Denominator: Total # of audited providers Note: all MDCs, RSAs, HHAs are licensed provider agencies, physicians are licensed Case Managers are licensed registered nurses, there are no unlicensed providers

Data Source (Select one):

Other

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

audits (on-site and desk)

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe

- b. ***Sub-Assurance: The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements.***

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

- c. **Sub-Assurance: The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with state requirements and the approved waiver.**

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of nursing/certified nursing assistant/home health aide providers who have completed educational training conducted by DONS staff (one or more of the following trainings: Provider Applicant, New Provider Education; Provider Training, Provider One-to-One Training); **Numerator:** Total # of providers who have completed training; **Denominator:** Total # of enrolled providers

Data Source (Select one):

Training verification records

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

- ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

The DONS staff is responsible for enrolling providers to render private duty nursing and/or home health aide/certified nursing assistant services to waiver participants. The provider applicant initially submits an application to the Provider Enrollment unit, which pends the application in MMIS and then forwards the pended application to the DONS. The DONS existing provider enrollment policy requires applicants for provider status to attend an educational session prior to completion of the provider enrollment policy. The final internal requisite paperwork to complete the enrollment process will be done upon a provider applicant's attendance of the educational session. Failure to attend an educational session will result in non-completion of the enrollment process and a denial of provider status. Descriptions of all Provider Trainings are as follows:

1. **Provider Applicant Training:** This training is for provider applicants prior to their potential enrollment as Medicaid Nursing Services providers. The training was implemented after it was discovered that applicants required clarification related to program requirements and the enrollment process. Applicants are given the information prior to continuing with the application for enrollment. After learning more about the program and its requirements, some providers may choose not to continue with the application process and are referred to other Medicaid programs of interest to them.
2. **New Provider Education/Training:** This training is the final step for the provider applicant prior to their enrollment. This training provides information on the regulations, preauthorization, participant eligibility, etc. Upon completion of this training, the provider is enrolled as a Nursing Services provider.
3. **Provider Training:** This training is for enrolled providers. This training is held when the State discovers trends of varying areas of non-compliance or areas of clarification and determines that technical assistance/education is required or the State aims to inform providers about newly established procedures, regulatory amendments, and/or audit trends.
4. **Provider One-to-One Training:** This training was implemented in September 2015 and is also held for enrolled providers. The State's intent is to remain proactive by offering this training to providers to inform them of best practices. As determined by the State, based on audit reviews, the State may initiate this education. Providers may also request this training for technical assistance. This training will review overall requirements and address any concerns specific to each provider.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

- i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

Providers are notified immediately that their participation in the waiver is suspended if an audit identifies them as lacking current licensure/certification as required by regulation. The suspension is in effect until such time as verification of current licensure/certification is received by the DONS’ staff. Failure to submit documentation of current licensure/certification in a timely manner results in termination of the agency’s provider status and recovery of monies paid during the non-compliant period.

An existing provider will be required to attend an educational/training session if the review results in the determination that it has not attended one because it was enrolled prior to the implementation of the requirement to attend the session. Provider applicants will not be enrolled until they have been oriented by attending an educational session.

- ii. **Remediation Data Aggregation**

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

Responsible Party <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Qualified Providers that are currently non-operational.

- No**
- Yes**

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Qualified Providers, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-3: Waiver Services Specifications

Section C-3 'Service Specifications' is incorporated into Section C-1 'Waiver Services.'

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-4: Additional Limits on Amount of Waiver Services

- a. **Additional Limits on Amount of Waiver Services.** Indicate whether the waiver employs any of the following additional limits on the amount of waiver services (*select one*).

- Not applicable-** The State does not impose a limit on the amount of waiver services except as provided in Appendix C-3.
- Applicable -** The State imposes additional limits on the amount of waiver services.

When a limit is employed, specify: (a) the waiver services to which the limit applies; (b) the basis of the limit, including its basis in historical expenditure/utilization patterns and, as applicable, the processes and methodologies that are used to determine the amount of the limit to which a participant's services are subject; (c) how the limit will be adjusted over the course of the waiver period; (d) provisions for adjusting or making exceptions to the limit based on participant health and welfare needs or other factors specified by the state; (e) the safeguards that are in effect when the amount of the limit is insufficient to meet a participant's needs; (f) how participants are notified of the amount of the limit. (*check each that applies*)

- Limit(s) on Set(s) of Services.** There is a limit on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services that is authorized for one or more sets of services offered under the waiver.
Furnish the information specified above.

- Prospective Individual Budget Amount.** There is a limit on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services authorized for each specific participant.
Furnish the information specified above.

- Budget Limits by Level of Support.** Based on an assessment process and/or other factors, participants are assigned to funding levels that are limits on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services.
Furnish the information specified above.

- Other Type of Limit.** The State employs another type of limit.
Describe the limit and furnish the information specified above.

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C-5: Home and Community-Based Settings

Explain how residential and non-residential settings in this waiver comply with federal HCB Settings requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5) and associated CMS guidance. Include:

1. Description of the settings and how they meet federal HCB Settings requirements, at the time of submission and in the future.
2. Description of the means by which the state Medicaid agency ascertains that all waiver settings meet federal HCB Setting requirements, at the time of this submission and ongoing.

Note instructions at Module 1, Attachment #2, [HCB Settings Waiver Transition Plan](#) for description of settings that do not

meet requirements at the time of submission. Do not duplicate that information here.

Waiver services are provided in the individual's own home or the community which is available for the public to use and visit and therefore presumed to meet the HCB Settings requirements.

Medical day care services are provided at a licensed facility which must comply with the HCB settings requirement prior to enrollment as a waiver service provider.

There are no residential or day habilitation services provided.

The DONS monitors the provision of services and completes the CMS approved Community Settings Questionnaire related to the HCB Settings requirements annually.

All licensed providers must submit a provider application and supporting documentation to demonstrate they meet the provider qualification standards prior to enrollment as a Medicaid provider under the Model Waiver. As part of the provider application process, the Office of Health Services (OHS) will conduct onsite visits for site-based services to confirm compliance with the HCBS settings requirement prior to enrollment of the provider as a Medicaid waiver service provider under the Model Waiver. All providers must comply with the Department's Medicaid regulations which include the HCBS settings requirements under COMAR 10.09.36.03-1 Conditions for Participation—Home and Community-Based Settings.

Appendix D: Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery

D-1: Service Plan Development (1 of 8)

State Participant-Centered Service Plan Title:

Plan of Care

- a. **Responsibility for Service Plan Development.** Per 42 CFR §441.301(b)(2), specify who is responsible for the development of the service plan and the qualifications of these individuals (*select each that applies*):

- Registered nurse, licensed to practice in the State**
- Licensed practical or vocational nurse, acting within the scope of practice under State law**
- Licensed physician (M.D. or D.O)**
- Case Manager** (qualifications specified in Appendix C-1/C-3)
- Case Manager** (qualifications not specified in Appendix C-1/C-3).

Specify qualifications:

- Social Worker**

Specify qualifications:

- Other**

Specify the individuals and their qualifications:

DONS Nurse Consultant for the MW is required to have and maintain a current MD license as a registered professional nurse

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- b. **Service Plan Development Safeguards.** *Select one:*

- **Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development may not provide other direct waiver services to the participant.**
- **Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development may provide other direct waiver services to the participant.**

The State has established the following safeguards to ensure that service plan development is conducted in the best interests of the participant. *Specify:*

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- c. Supporting the Participant in Service Plan Development.** Specify: (a) the supports and information that are made available to the participant (and/or family or legal representative, as appropriate) to direct and be actively engaged in the service plan development process and (b) the participant's authority to determine who is included in the process.

(a) The CM provides the participant, family member or representative with information regarding the MW which includes but is not limited to rights and responsibilities and service plan development during the initial meeting, at least annually and on an as-needed basis. The participant and/or his legal representative are active members of the multi-disciplinary team (MDT) which develops the participant's POC. The other members of the multi-disciplinary team consist of the participant's principal physician or the physician designated by the principal physician, the case manager and a representative of the nursing/home health aide/certified nursing assistant provider. The development of the POC is based on a comprehensive assessment which incorporates the participant's strengths, preferences, goals, desired outcomes, and needs. The POC must be signed by the participant or his family/legal representative which indicates approval of the plan. The participant and/or their representative are encouraged to be actively engaged in all aspects of the waiver process.

(b) The participant and/or his/her family or legal representative may authorize other individuals to participate in the POC process.

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D-1: Service Plan Development (4 of 8)

- d. Service Plan Development Process.** In four pages or less, describe the process that is used to develop the participant-centered service plan, including: (a) who develops the plan, who participates in the process, and the timing of the plan; (b) the types of assessments that are conducted to support the service plan development process, including securing information about participant needs, preferences and goals, and health status; (c) how the participant is informed of the services that are available under the waiver; (d) how the plan development process ensures that the service plan addresses participant goals, needs (including health care needs), and preferences; (e) how waiver and other services are coordinated; (f) how the plan development process provides for the assignment of responsibilities to implement and monitor the plan; and, (g) how and when the plan is updated, including when the participant's needs change. State laws, regulations, and policies cited that affect the service plan development process are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable):

Service Plan Development Process:

(a) The case manager develops a draft initial POC which is reviewed and revised 90 days after the individual is enrolled in the waiver. The POC is then revised semi-annually thereafter unless it is determined that a different review period is appropriate or the individual's needs change. The draft POC is reviewed by the DONS Nurse Consultant prior to the meeting of the individual's multidisciplinary team (MDT). If the draft POC is insufficient to meet the individual's needs it is returned by the DONS to the case manager for further development. The POC is then reviewed and approved or adjusted by the individual's multidisciplinary team which includes the waiver individual, his/her legal representative, his/her principal physician or physician designated by the principal physician, case manager, and providers of health-related services as appropriate.

(b) Information used to assess the individual's needs and support the service plan development process includes hospital discharge plans, comprehensive information concerning the individual's medical history and physical

information, etc. In addition, the case manager performs an in-home assessment to determine the appropriateness of the individual's environment and health care needs.

(c) The individual is informed of the services available to him/her under the waiver when his/her case manager meets with him/her and/or his/her legal representative prior to enrollment in the waiver as well as prior to or during the POC meeting. In addition to discussing waiver services, the case manager provides the individual with a brochure which describes the waiver and its services. Finally, information concerning the waiver and its services are available on the Department's website.

(d) The POC development process ensures that the service plan addresses the individual's goals, needs, and preferences because it is in draft form only until the multidisciplinary team's meeting. It is during this/her meeting when all team members discuss the individual's needs and preferences and the draft POC is either modified as needed or approved as drafted. The approved POC is signed by the individual or his/her legal representative, his/her principal physician, the case manager and the DONS Nurse Consultant. If the individual or his/her legal representative does not agree with the POC as developed by the multidisciplinary team, he indicates his/her disagreement with the POC via his/her signature in the appropriate area and may request a fair hearing.

(e) The case manager must ensure that waiver services, as well as other services, are coordinated when drafting the POC. The review of the draft POC by the DONS Nurse Consultant ensures that services are proposed and coordinated according to Program regulations.

The plan is reviewed regularly after development by the MDT to continue to address the following participant goals (health, vocational, and educational), participant needs (medical history and physical information, recent hospitalizations, significant events); and participant preferences/choices (satisfaction with health care providers/services-i.e., nursing, DMS/DME, etc).

(f) The POC development process provides for the assignment of responsibilities to implement and monitor the POC by requiring the case manager to discuss the POC during the requisite monthly telephone contact with the individual or his/her legal representative. In addition, the case manager is required to review one week of a nursing agency provider's nursing notes on a monthly basis to ensure care is rendered in accordance with the approved POC. The DONS staff conduct audits of provider records, as well as review MMIS paid claims data to determine whether services are delivered in accordance with the individual's POC.

(g) The POC is revised at least annually if a different review period is determined appropriate. In addition, the individual's POC is reviewed and, if necessary, updated when the individual's needs change.

The plan is reviewed after development by the MDT to continue to address the following participant goals (health, vocational, and educational), participant needs (medical history and physical information, recent hospitalizations, significant events); and participant preferences/choices (satisfaction with health care providers/services-i.e., nursing, durable medical supplies/equipment (DMS/DME), etc).

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D-1: Service Plan Development (5 of 8)

- e. **Risk Assessment and Mitigation.** Specify how potential risks to the participant are assessed during the service plan development process and how strategies to mitigate risk are incorporated into the service plan, subject to participant needs and preferences. In addition, describe how the service plan development process addresses backup plans and the arrangements that are used for backup.

Potential risks to an applicant and, once enrolled the participant, are assessed by his physician, the applicant/participant and/or his legal representative, and the case management provider through a review of medical documentation and a face to face assessment of the individual. Identified health and safety risks and the medical supports that are needed to support the individual safely in the community are documented in the draft POC and discussed during the multidisciplinary team's meeting. Specific strategies for dealing with each identified risk are reflected in the POC. The POC includes emergency back-up plans containing information about provider on-call systems and emergency medical care.

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D-1: Service Plan Development (6 of 8)

- f. **Informed Choice of Providers.** Describe how participants are assisted in obtaining information about and selecting from among qualified providers of the waiver services in the service plan.

The participant's case manager provides him/her with a list of potential Medicaid enrolled agencies. The participant

and/or his family/legal guardian may independently contact agencies to request services or request the assistance of the case manager. The list is maintained by the DONS and is provided to the case management agency on a quarterly or as-needed basis.

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D-1: Service Plan Development (7 of 8)

- g. Process for Making Service Plan Subject to the Approval of the Medicaid Agency.** Describe the process by which the service plan is made subject to the approval of the Medicaid agency in accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(i):

All POCs are forwarded to the DONS MW Nurse Consultant for pre-review prior to the actual POC meeting. The Nurse Consultant reviews the POC to determine whether it is sufficient to meet the participant's needs. If the proposed POC is insufficient to meet these goals, the Nurse Consultant returns it to the case manager for additional development. After the POC meeting, the MW Nurse Consultant approves the final POC. All POCs must be signed by the Nurse Consultant to indicate approval.

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- h. Service Plan Review and Update.** The service plan is subject to at least annual periodic review and update to assess the appropriateness and adequacy of the services as participant needs change. Specify the minimum schedule for the review and update of the service plan:

- Every three months or more frequently when necessary
- Every six months or more frequently when necessary
- Every twelve months or more frequently when necessary
- Other schedule

Specify the other schedule:

- i. Maintenance of Service Plan Forms.** Written copies or electronic facsimiles of service plans are maintained for a minimum period of 3 years as required by 45 CFR §92.42. Service plans are maintained by the following (*check each that applies*):

- Medicaid agency
- Operating agency
- Case manager
- Other

Specify:

Appendix D: Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery

D-2: Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring

- a. Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring.** Specify: (a) the entity (entities) responsible for monitoring the implementation of the service plan and participant health and welfare; (b) the monitoring and follow-up method(s) that are used; and, (c) the frequency with which monitoring is performed.

Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring:

- (a) The individual's case manager is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the service plan and an individual's health, welfare and safety needs.
- (b) The case manager conducts monthly telephone contacts with the individual or his legal representative and visits on a quarterly basis to ensure services are rendered in accordance with the approved POC.
- (c) The case manager is required to review one week of a nursing agency provider's nursing notes on a monthly basis to ensure care is rendered in accordance with the approved POC. The DONS staff conducts audits on a quarterly basis during which provider records and/or MMIS paid claims data are reviewed to determine whether services are delivered in accordance with the individual's approved POC.

The Division of Nursing Services (DONS) shares the overall responsibility of implementing and monitoring the service plans (POCs) of waiver participants with the case management entity. POCs are developed during the interdisciplinary meeting. Part of the development of the POC involves the implementation and back-up plans required to ensure the on-going provision of care and services based on the established plan. Case managers contact the DONS Nurse Administrator when problems with the participant's service plans arise. For example, the Nurse Consultant will assist in the resolution of an issue such as calling the nursing agency to determine the cause of a particular problem and work with the agency to see it is resolved.

The case management agency has a voice mail system which is available 24 hours per day to enable participants and/or their legal representative to advise the case manager of a development which has occurred outside normal business hours. In addition, the case manager may contact the participant's physician and, if needed, an emergency multidisciplinary POC meeting can be scheduled and held to address any status changes.

The DONS conducts an annual audit of the case management agency which includes ensuring participants exercise free choice of providers. The case management agency reviews the "freedom of choice" form with each MW participant as well as a matrix of enrolled providers from which the participant may choose. At each annual audit, the DONS ensures that the "freedom of choice" form is completed.

The participant's service plan includes all services the participant receives, including waiver and non-waiver services. During each MDT meeting, services are discussed and any barriers to access are brought to the attention of the State's MW Coordinator. The MW Coordinator and the case manager work to resolve these issues. Service plans are also reviewed during the State's annual audit of the case management agency.

b. Monitoring Safeguards. *Select one:*

- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility to monitor service plan implementation and participant health and welfare may not provide other direct waiver services to the participant.**
- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility to monitor service plan implementation and participant health and welfare may provide other direct waiver services to the participant.**

The State has established the following safeguards to ensure that monitoring is conducted in the best interests of the participant. *Specify:*

Appendix D: Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery

Quality Improvement: Service Plan

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State's methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Service Plan Assurance/Sub-assurances

The state demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for reviewing the adequacy of service plans for waiver participants.

i. Sub-Assurances:

- a. *Sub-assurance: Service plans address all participants' assessed needs (including health and safety risk factors) and personal goals, either by the provision of waiver services or through other means.***

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of waiver participants who have their individually chosen assessed needs addressed in the service plan through waiver funded services, other funding sources or natural supports. **Numerator:** number of waiver participants who have their individually chosen assessed needs addressed in the service plan; **Denominator:** Number of participants reviewed.

Data Source (Select one):

Meeting minutes

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
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Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of waiver participants who have their personal goals addressed in the service plan through waiver funded services or other funding sources or natural supports
Numerator: Number of waiver participants who have their personal goals addressed in the service plan through waiver funded services or other funding sources or natural supports. **Denominator:** Number of participants reviewed

Data Source (Select one):

Meeting minutes

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

- b. *Sub-assurance: The State monitors service plan development in accordance with its policies and procedures.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of POCs reviewed by the MDT and signed by all participants of the MDT and MW Coordinator; **Numerator:** Total # of POCs reviewed by multidisciplinary team (MDT)that were completed in accordance with established policies and procedures; **Denominator:** Total # of participants

Data Source (Select one):

Other

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Participant POC

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
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- c. *Sub-assurance: Service plans are updated/revised at least annually or when warranted by changes in the waiver participant’s needs.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: PERCENT OF UPDATED POCs; Numerator: Total # of updated POCs; Denominator: Total # of waiver participants whose needs change during the 12 month cycle

Data Source (Select one):

Program logs

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

and participant POC

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Performance Measure:

Indicator: PERCENT OF POCs EVALUATED EVERY 12 MONTHS;

Numerator: Total # of POCs evaluated every 12 months; Denominator: Total # of waiver participants

Data Source (Select one):

Program logs

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

and the participant POC

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
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- d. *Sub-assurance: Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percent of participants with services delivered in accordance with the amount, duration and frequency of the service specified in the plan of care ;
Numerator: Total # of participants with services delivered in accordance with POC; **Denominator:** Total # of sampled participants

Data Source (Select one):
Other

If 'Other' is selected, specify:
participants' POC and MMIS

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

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- e. **Sub-assurance: Participants are afforded choice: Between/among waiver services and providers.**

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of records that contain signed Parents Rights & Responsibilities form indicating individual or family a choice of waiver services and providers. Numerator: # of records containing a signed Parents Rights and Responsibilities form; Denominator: # of waiver participant records reviewed. Note: All participants are given provider lists and may choose between service providers.

Data Source (Select one):

Record reviews, off-site

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

In addition to off-site records, OHS reviews records on-site on an annual basis.

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>

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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

- ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

The OHS performs an annual random sample review of waiver participants' records maintained by the case management agency which will document any missing items such as a current POC, LOC determination, signed Freedom of Choice form, etc.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

- i. Describe the State's method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

The case manager will be instructed by the DONS to obtain a signed Freedom of Choice form from the participant or his legal representative at each MDT meeting.

The DONS Nurse Administrator provides oversight of planning activities and ensures the case management provider's compliance.

DONS staff provides technical assistance and support on an ongoing basis to case management providers and provide specific remediation recommendations on identified issues. Based on the identified issues, a variety of remediation strategies may be used including conference call, letter, in-person meeting, and training. Remediation efforts will be documented in the provider's file with the DONS.

- ii. **Remediation Data Aggregation**

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

Responsible Party <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly

<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Service Plans that are currently non-operational.

No

Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Service Plans, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

Applicability (from Application Section 3, Components of the Waiver Request):

Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. Complete the remainder of the Appendix.

No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. Do not complete the remainder of the Appendix.

CMS urges states to afford all waiver participants the opportunity to direct their services. Participant direction of services includes the participant exercising decision-making authority over workers who provide services, a participant-managed budget or both. CMS will confer the Independence Plus designation when the waiver evidences a strong commitment to participant direction.

Indicate whether Independence Plus designation is requested (select one):

Yes. The State requests that this waiver be considered for Independence Plus designation.

No. Independence Plus designation is not requested.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (1 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (2 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (3 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (4 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (5 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (6 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (7 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (8 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (9 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (10 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (11 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (12 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (13 of 13)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant Direction (1 of 6)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (2 of 6)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (3 of 6)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (4 of 6)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (5 of 6)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (6 of 6)

Answers provided in Appendix E-0 indicate that you do not need to submit Appendix E.

Appendix F: Participant Rights

Appendix F-1: Opportunity to Request a Fair Hearing

The State provides an opportunity to request a Fair Hearing under 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart E to individuals: (a) who are not given the choice of home and community-based services as an alternative to the institutional care specified in Item 1-F of the request; (b) are denied the service(s) of their choice or the provider(s) of their choice; or, (c) whose services are denied, suspended, reduced or terminated. The State provides notice of action as required in 42 CFR §431.210.

Procedures for Offering Opportunity to Request a Fair Hearing. Describe how the individual (or his/her legal representative) is informed of the opportunity to request a fair hearing under 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart E. Specify the notice(s) that are used to offer individuals the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing. State laws, regulations, policies and notices referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the operating or Medicaid agency.

Medicaid provides broad Fair Hearing Rights to individuals who are denied the choice of HCBS waiver services as an alternative to institutionalization, denied services of their choice and whose services are suspended, reduced or terminated. Specifically, COMAR 10.01.04 which governs Fair Hearings stipulates that the opportunity for Fair Hearings will be granted to individuals who are aggrieved by any Department policy, action or inaction which adversely affects the receipt, quality or conditions of medical assistance. Each waiver participant and/or his/her legal representative is provided a copy of the notice of Fair Hearing whenever a specific service is denied or reduced and at each POC meeting.

The waiver participant is notified in writing of all denial or reduction of services and apprised of his right to request a Fair Hearing within 90 days. In addition, the written notice advises the individual that services will be continued during the appeal process if the aggrieved action is appealed within the 10-day continuation of benefit period. Participants and/or their representatives may receive assistance applying for a fair hearing if requested from a provider or their case manager. Information is in the packet that is sent to the participant and/or representative regarding the adverse action, the Summary of Procedures for a Fair Hearing reflects contact information related to Legal Aid and Disability Rights Maryland (formerly Maryland Disability Law Center). This document also informs the participant that additional information can be submitted and will be reviewed before the hearing if the participant requests a reconsideration. This information is explained and reviewed with the participant during the multidisciplinary team meeting process as well.

Applicants and waiver participants are advised of their right to request a fair hearing by the following entities:

The Utilization Control Agent (UCA) when a qualifying LOC is denied;
MDH when waiver or State Plan services are denied, reduced, or terminated; and
MDH when an applicant is denied waiver eligibility.

The Office of Health Services (OHS) maintains a database specifically related to appeals and scheduled hearings. In addition, the DONS maintains this information in the participant's individual file.

Appendix F: Participant-Rights

Appendix F-2: Additional Dispute Resolution Process

- a. Availability of Additional Dispute Resolution Process.** Indicate whether the State operates another dispute resolution process that offers participants the opportunity to appeal decisions that adversely affect their services while preserving their right to a Fair Hearing. *Select one:*
- No. This Appendix does not apply**
 - Yes. The State operates an additional dispute resolution process**
- b. Description of Additional Dispute Resolution Process.** Describe the additional dispute resolution process, including: (a) the State agency that operates the process; (b) the nature of the process (i.e., procedures and timeframes), including the types of disputes addressed through the process; and, (c) how the right to a Medicaid Fair Hearing is preserved when a participant elects to make use of the process: State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the operating or Medicaid agency.

Appendix F: Participant-Rights

Appendix F: State Grievance/Complaint System

a. Operation of Grievance/Complaint System. *Select one:*

- No. This Appendix does not apply
- Yes. The State operates a grievance/complaint system that affords participants the opportunity to register grievances or complaints concerning the provision of services under this waiver

b. Operational Responsibility. Specify the State agency that is responsible for the operation of the grievance/complaint system:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is the State-designated Medicaid agency. The Office of Health Services (OHS) maintains oversight of day to day issues and activities related to the Model Waiver and is responsible for the operation of the grievance/complaint system.

c. Description of System. Describe the grievance/complaint system, including: (a) the types of grievances/complaints that participants may register; (b) the process and timelines for addressing grievances/complaints; and, (c) the mechanisms that are used to resolve grievances/complaints. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

The grievance/complaint system ensures the identification of and the appropriate and timely resolution of administrative service and quality of care complaints related to waiver participants.

(a) A complaint is defined as any communication, oral or written, from a participant, participant's representative, provider, or other interested party received by staff of the Office of Health Services. Administrative, service related and quality of care complaints are reviewed by staff.

(b) The process for addressing grievances/complaints is the OHS Reportable Event Policy. Timelines for addressing complaints are as follows: 24 hours for emergency medically related as well as abuse, neglect and exploitation complaints, 5 days for non-emergency medically related complaints and 45 days for administrative complaints.

(c) Numerous methods are used to resolve complaints. The case manager is the person most often involved in addressing a complaint. Examples of some interventions utilized are:

Discussion between the case manager and the participant, his legal representative and his physician (if necessary).

Providing the participant and/or his legal representative with a list of alternative providers and assisting them in the process of obtaining a new provider.

Recommendation to change the participant's POC.

Assist the family with seeking alternative funding sources for services and/or items not covered under Medicaid's State Plan and the waiver.

Advising the participant or his legal representative to file a request for a Fair Hearing if the complaint or grievance involves a reduction, denial, or termination of service;***

If the complaint is regarding a waiver provider, the DONS works with the provider to resolve the issue if the participant wishes to continue to receive services from the provider if appropriate.

Referrals are made to other jurisdictional agencies including but not limited to the Maryland Board of Nursing for nursing certification/licensure issues and the Office of Health Care Quality when there are provider licensure violations or complaints.

*** The case manager advises the participant of his/her option to file a grievance or make a complaint as well as the option to request a Fair Hearing. The participant is informed that a complaint or grievance does not replace a Fair Hearing request. The participant is given separate instructions for requesting a Fair Hearing which includes the required time frames for submitting requests.

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-1: Response to Critical Events or Incidents

a. Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process. Indicate whether the State operates Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process that enables the State to collect information on sentinel events occurring in the waiver program. *Select one:*

- Yes. The State operates a Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process (complete Items b through e)
- No. This Appendix does not apply (do not complete Items b through e)

If the State does not operate a Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process, describe the process that the State uses to elicit information on the health and welfare of individuals served through the program.

- b. State Critical Event or Incident Reporting Requirements.** Specify the types of critical events or incidents (including alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation) that the State requires to be reported for review and follow-up action by an appropriate authority, the individuals and/or entities that are required to report such events and incidents and the timelines for reporting. State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Reportable or critical events are defined as the allegation of or an actual occurrence of an incident that may pose an immediate and/or serious risk to the physical or mental health, safety, or well-being of a waiver participant or complaints regarding an administrative service or quality of care issue as follows:

Incidents:

Abandonment
 Abuse: physical, sexual, verbal or emotional
 Accidents or injuries requiring treatment beyond first aid
 Death: anticipated or unanticipated
 Emergency room treatment
 Exploitation: theft, financial
 Hospitalization: anticipated, unanticipated, psychiatric or Behavioral
 Missing person
 Neglect and self neglect: nutritional, medical, environmental
 Treatment error: medication or delegated task
 Rights violation
 Infectious disease
 Any other event that might impact the participant's health and safety

Complaints:

Access/service
 Communication issue
 Delays
 Professionalism
 Other

The case management provider completes and submits a reportable event form and forwards it the Nurse Consultant for the MW within OHS. The Nurse Consultant is also notified by telephone of problems that are serious as specified in the reportable event policy within 24 hours. Nurses and certified nursing assistants/home health aides licensed by the Maryland Board of Nursing must report all instances of abuse and neglect to local law enforcement and/or the local social service office as required by Maryland's Health Occupation Article, Title 8, Section 8-16(a)(13). They are informed of this legal requirement during their course of study for their respective field. In addition, the case manager must report all instances of abuse and neglect to local law enforcement and/or the local social service office within 24 hours. All reportable events should be resolved within 45 days.

- c. Participant Training and Education.** Describe how training and/or information is provided to participants (and/or families or legal representatives, as appropriate) concerning protections from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including how participants (and/or families or legal representatives, as appropriate) can notify appropriate authorities or entities when the participant may have experienced abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Case managers meet with all applicants and or their legal representatives prior to admission to the MW and explain the process for reporting any issues that may arise. MW providers are instructed during their educational session prior to their enrollment as a MW provider, at annual trainings, and with the DONS during one-to-one technical assistance meetings. Interested parties are also given the telephone number for DONS so that they may reach a responsible party at MDH to discuss issues and/or receive information and assistance. Reporting requirements and training are also re-enforced at least annually with the participant and family by the case manager.

Repeat training is provided to these groups, particularly providers, when it is found that a provider failed to adhere to the proper procedures.

- d. Responsibility for Review of and Response to Critical Events or Incidents.** Specify the entity (or entities) that receives reports of critical events or incidents specified in item G-1-a, the methods that are employed to evaluate such reports, and the processes and time-frames for responding to critical events or incidents, including conducting investigations.

Reports of incidents are received by the case management agency as well as the DONS. The case management agency relays any reportable events and information it receives to the Nurse Consultant within the DONS. Investigations are conducted either at the case management level or by DONS depending on the issues and severity of the situation. Situations involving actual or potential alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation must be reported to an Adult Protective Services (APS) or Child Protective Services (CPS) office within 24 hours. All reportable events should be resolved within an appropriate time frame. Processes involve verbal and/or written communications from recipient/legal guardians, providers and case managers. Communication of reportable events are made to supervisors at the case management agency, the Nurse Consultant at the DONS and, if necessary, to supervisors within the DONS. Reportable events concerning the denial of requested services and appeal of same will involve the State Attorney General's Office and the Office of Administrative Hearings. Reportable events concerning quality of care issues involving licensed nursing agencies will also be reviewed and addressed by the Office of Health Care Quality and where applicable sent to other agencies such as the Maryland Board of Nursing. When there is a complaint, a telephone communication and/or written letter is sent to the participant and/or the representative upon completion of the review and/or investigation. This should occur within 10 business days of the resolution.

- e. Responsibility for Oversight of Critical Incidents and Events.** Identify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the reporting of and response to critical incidents or events that affect waiver participants, how this oversight is conducted, and how frequently.

The DONS is responsible for the oversight of the incident reports. Reportable events are immediately reviewed upon receipt by the Nurse Consultant for the MW who, depending on the situation, engages in discussion with case managers, providers, waiver participants or their legal guardians to coordinate efforts to resolve problems. Reportable events are compiled and forwarded to the Nurse Consultant by the case management agency as they are received. If the Nurse Consultant is contacted directly, efforts at investigation and resolution are initiated immediately to address the issue and prevent reoccurrence or further problems. Oversight is conducted by the DONS Nurse Consultant on a regular, daily basis. The reportable event data is reviewed and analyzed, changes may be made to systems and/or processes based on the analysis. If there are specific issues with a provider, the provider is mandated to repeat the education/training session which was also required prior to enrollment. Systemically, transmittals and/or educational alerts are distributed to providers when applicable. Medicaid can implement other measures if providers fail to take appropriate actions to address the event, etc.

OHCQ also oversees the licensed agencies and conducts surveys/investigations. When problems are identified, OHCQ staff may request a plan of correction for non-compliance including reportable events that are not appropriately addressed by the provider to prevent reoccurrence. There are other remedies that OHCQ can impose when providers have continued non-compliance. OHCQ may also make referrals to the Maryland Board of Nursing, as appropriate.

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions (1 of 3)

- a. Use of Restraints.** *(Select one): (For waiver actions submitted before March 2014, responses in Appendix G-2-a will display information for both restraints and seclusion. For most waiver actions submitted after March 2014, responses regarding seclusion appear in Appendix G-2-c.)*

- The State does not permit or prohibits the use of restraints**

Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restraints and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

Waiver participants reside in their homes. The case managers, however, conduct on-site visits to the participant's

home and the nursing personnel who provide services to the participant, provide that service in the home. Case managers and nursing staff are required to report the unauthorized use of restraints or seclusion to the OHS via the Reportable Event policy and protocol. Case managers visit the participant at least quarterly and maintain phone contact on a monthly basis, and the nursing personnel routinely render care to the participant on a daily basis (the majority of nursing services participants receive services 4 or more days per week). Many of the participants attend school and are monitored closely while at school. School personnel are also required to report restraint use per their individual district policies.

- **The use of restraints is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services.** Complete Items G-2-a-i and G-2-a-ii.
 - i. **Safeguards Concerning the Use of Restraints.** Specify the safeguards that the State has established concerning the use of each type of restraint (i.e., personal restraints, drugs used as restraints, mechanical restraints). State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

- ii. **State Oversight Responsibility.** Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the use of restraints and ensuring that State safeguards concerning their use are followed and how such oversight is conducted and its frequency:

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions (2 of 3)

b. Use of Restrictive Interventions. *(Select one):*

- **The State does not permit or prohibits the use of restrictive interventions**

Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

Waiver participants reside in their homes. The case manager visits the participant in the home and the nursing personnel provide services to the participant in the home are required to report the unauthorized use of restraints or seclusion to the OHS via the Reportable Event policy and protocol. Case managers complete a face-to-face visit at least quarterly and are required to conduct monthly phone contacts. Nursing personnel generally are in the home on a daily basis (the majority of nursing services participants receive services 4 or more days per week). Many participants attend school and school personnel are required to report the unauthorized use of restraints based on their policies and procedures.

- **The use of restrictive interventions is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services** Complete Items G-2-b-i and G-2-b-ii.

- i. **Safeguards Concerning the Use of Restrictive Interventions.** Specify the safeguards that the State has in effect concerning the use of interventions that restrict participant movement, participant access to other individuals, locations or activities, restrict participant rights or employ aversive methods (not including restraints or seclusion) to modify behavior. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the specification are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency.

- ii. **State Oversight Responsibility.** Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for monitoring and overseeing the use of restrictive interventions and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions (3 of 3)

- c. **Use of Seclusion.** *(Select one): (This section will be blank for waivers submitted before Appendix G-2-c was added to WMS in March 2014, and responses for seclusion will display in Appendix G-2-a combined with information on restraints.)*

The State does not permit or prohibits the use of seclusion

Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of seclusion and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

Waiver participants reside in their homes. The case manager visits the participant in the home and the nursing personnel provide services to the participant in the home are required to report the unauthorized use of restraints or seclusion to the OHS via the Reportable Event policy and protocol. Case managers complete a face-to-face visit at least quarterly and are required to conduct monthly phone contacts. Nursing personnel generally are in the home 4 or more days per week for those participants receiving nursing services. Many participants attend school and school personnel are required to report the unauthorized use of restraints based on their policies and procedures.

The use of seclusion is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services. Complete Items G-2-c-i and G-2-c-ii.

- i. **Safeguards Concerning the Use of Seclusion.** Specify the safeguards that the State has established concerning the use of each type of seclusion. State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

- ii. **State Oversight Responsibility.** Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the use of seclusion and ensuring that State safeguards concerning their use are followed and how such oversight is conducted and its frequency:

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-3: Medication Management and Administration (1 of 2)

This Appendix must be completed when waiver services are furnished to participants who are served in licensed or unlicensed living arrangements where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the health and welfare of residents. The Appendix does not need to be completed when waiver participants are served exclusively in their own personal residences or in the home of a family member.

- a. **Applicability.** Select one:

- No. This Appendix is not applicable** *(do not complete the remaining items)*
 Yes. This Appendix applies *(complete the remaining items)*

- b. **Medication Management and Follow-Up**

- i. **Responsibility.** Specify the entity (or entities) that have ongoing responsibility for monitoring participant medication regimens, the methods for conducting monitoring, and the frequency of monitoring.

- ii. **Methods of State Oversight and Follow-Up.** Describe: (a) the method(s) that the State uses to ensure that participant medications are managed appropriately, including: (a) the identification of potentially harmful practices (e.g., the concurrent use of contraindicated medications); (b) the method(s) for following up on potentially harmful practices; and, (c) the State agency (or agencies) that is responsible for follow-up and oversight.

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Appendix G-3: Medication Management and Administration (2 of 2)

c. Medication Administration by Waiver Providers

Answers provided in G-3-a indicate you do not need to complete this section

- i. **Provider Administration of Medications.** *Select one:*

- Not applicable.** *(do not complete the remaining items)*
- Waiver providers are responsible for the administration of medications to waiver participants who cannot self-administer and/or have responsibility to oversee participant self-administration of medications.** *(complete the remaining items)*
- ii. **State Policy.** Summarize the State policies that apply to the administration of medications by waiver providers or waiver provider responsibilities when participants self-administer medications, including (if applicable) policies concerning medication administration by non-medical waiver provider personnel. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the specification are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

- iii. **Medication Error Reporting.** *Select one of the following:*

- Providers that are responsible for medication administration are required to both record and report medication errors to a State agency (or agencies).**
Complete the following three items:

- (a) Specify State agency (or agencies) to which errors are reported:

- (b) Specify the types of medication errors that providers are required to *record*:

- (c) Specify the types of medication errors that providers must *report* to the State:

- Providers responsible for medication administration are required to record medication errors but make information about medication errors available only when requested by the State.**

Specify the types of medication errors that providers are required to record:

- iv. **State Oversight Responsibility.** Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for monitoring the performance of waiver providers in the administration of medications to waiver participants and how monitoring is performed and its frequency.

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Quality Improvement: Health and Welfare

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State's methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Health and Welfare

The state demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for assuring waiver participant health and welfare. (For waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014, this assurance read "The State, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses, and seeks to prevent the occurrence of abuse, neglect and exploitation.")

i. Sub-Assurances:

- a. **Sub-assurance:** *The state demonstrates on an ongoing basis that it identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation and unexplained death. (Performance measures in this sub-assurance include all Appendix G performance measures for waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014.)*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of reportable events (RE) involving abuse, neglect and/or exploitation; **Numerator:** Total # of reported and investigated REs involving abuse, neglect and/or exploitation; **Denominator:** Total# of all incidents reported

Data Source (Select one):

Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>

<i>(check each that applies):</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: Case management agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis(check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of reportable events involving unexplained or suspicious deaths; Numerator: The number of reported events involving unexplained or suspicious deaths; Denominator: Total number of deaths

Data Source (Select one):

Record reviews, on-site

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
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<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually

<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of reportable events involving unanticipated hospitalizations; **Numerator:** The number of reportable events involving unanticipated hospitalizations; **Denominator:** Total # of hospitalizations

Data Source (Select one):

Critical events and incident reports

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of reportable events substantiated as instances of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation
Numerator: Total number of reported events that were substantiated as instances of abuse, neglect, or exploitation;
Denominator: Number of investigations of incidents of potential abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Data Source (Select one):

Critical events and incident reports

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis(check each that applies):
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

- b. *Sub-assurance: The state demonstrates that an incident management system is in place that effectively resolves those incidents and prevents further similar incidents to the extent possible.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of incidents reported/investigated within the required timeline; **Numerator:** Total # of incidents reported and investigated within required timelines; **Denominator:** Total # of all incidents reported

Data Source (Select one):

Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
<input type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review

<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of participants who received education on how to report the reportable incidents and complaints at enrollment; **Numerator-** number of participants who received education on how to report the reportable incidents and complaints at enrollment; **Denominator-** total number of participants enrolled in waiver.

Data Source (Select one):

Other

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Annual audit of case management agency

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: Case Management Agency <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

	Specify: <input type="text"/>
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- c. **Sub-assurance: The state policies and procedures for the use or prohibition of restrictive interventions (including restraints and seclusion) are followed.**

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of substantiated incidents involving restrictive interventions (prohibited use of restraints or seclusion); Numerator: number of substantiated incidents involving restrictive interventions; Denominator: number of reported incidents involving restrictive interventions

Data Source (Select one):

Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data collection/generation <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Sampling Approach <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis(check each that applies):
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<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
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- d. *Sub-assurance: The state establishes overall health care standards and monitors those standards based on the responsibility of the service provider as stated in the approved waiver.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

The Model Waiver does not include residential services and therefore does not have applicable health care standards. Therefore the State did not develop a performance measure for this sub-assurance.

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis(check each that applies):
<input type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly

<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

- ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

OHS identifies problems within the waiver via the Reportable Event process and policy as well as through information provided via the participant's case managers and nursing services providers. The case managers and providers often call the Nurse Consultant immediately upon discovery of a waiver problem/issue (i.e. within 24 hours). The phone call is then followed by the submission of a completed Reportable Event form.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

- i. Describe the State's method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

Individual problems will be addressed and resolved in conformance with the Reportable Event Policy. Involved parties may include the DONS Nurse Consultant, the participant and/or his legal representative, the case manager, entities such as Child Protective Services (CPS), Adult Protective Services (APS), the Maryland Board of Nursing, Maryland Department of Human Services, the police department, a provider agency, etc. General methods for problem correction may include such actions as conference calls, meetings, etc. which may result in such actions as a change in the provider agency or the participant's residence, training, or require a Corrective Action Plan from the service provider. The State documents such events via the Reportable Event Policy' form.

- ii. **Remediation Data Aggregation**

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

Responsible Party (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:

	semi-annually
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c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Health and Welfare that are currently non-operational.

No

Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Health and Welfare, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix H: Quality Improvement Strategy (1 of 2)

Under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR §441.302, the approval of an HCBS waiver requires that CMS determine that the State has made satisfactory assurances concerning the protection of participant health and welfare, financial accountability and other elements of waiver operations. Renewal of an existing waiver is contingent upon review by CMS and a finding by CMS that the assurances have been met. By completing the HCBS waiver application, the State specifies how it has designed the waiver's critical processes, structures and operational features in order to meet these assurances.

- Quality Improvement is a critical operational feature that an organization employs to continually determine whether it operates in accordance with the approved design of its program, meets statutory and regulatory assurances and requirements, achieves desired outcomes, and identifies opportunities for improvement.

CMS recognizes that a state's waiver Quality Improvement Strategy may vary depending on the nature of the waiver target population, the services offered, and the waiver's relationship to other public programs, and will extend beyond regulatory requirements. However, for the purpose of this application, the State is expected to have, at the minimum, systems in place to measure and improve its own performance in meeting six specific waiver assurances and requirements.

It may be more efficient and effective for a Quality Improvement Strategy to span multiple waivers and other long-term care services. CMS recognizes the value of this approach and will ask the state to identify other waiver programs and long-term care services that are addressed in the Quality Improvement Strategy.

Quality Improvement Strategy: Minimum Components

The Quality Improvement Strategy that will be in effect during the period of the approved waiver is described throughout the waiver in the appendices corresponding to the statutory assurances and sub-assurances. Other documents cited must be available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if appropriate).

In the QIS discovery and remediation sections throughout the application (located in Appendices A, B, C, D, G, and I), a state spells out:

- The evidence based discovery activities that will be conducted for each of the six major waiver assurances;
- The *remediation* activities followed to correct individual problems identified in the implementation of each of the assurances;

In Appendix H of the application, a State describes (1) the *system improvement* activities followed in response to aggregated, analyzed discovery and remediation information collected on each of the assurances; (2) the correspondent *roles/responsibilities* of those conducting assessing and prioritizing improving system corrections and improvements; and (3) the processes the state will follow to continuously *assess the effectiveness of the OIS* and revise it as necessary and appropriate.

If the State's Quality Improvement Strategy is not fully developed at the time the waiver application is submitted, the state may provide a work plan to fully develop its Quality Improvement Strategy, including the specific tasks the State plans to

undertake during the period the waiver is in effect, the major milestones associated with these tasks, and the entity (or entities) responsible for the completion of these tasks.

When the Quality Improvement Strategy spans more than one waiver and/or other types of long-term care services under the Medicaid State plan, specify the control numbers for the other waiver programs and/or identify the other long-term services that are addressed in the Quality Improvement Strategy. In instances when the QIS spans more than one waiver, the State must be able to stratify information that is related to each approved waiver program. Unless the State has requested and received approval from CMS for the consolidation of multiple waivers for the purpose of reporting, then the State must stratify information that is related to each approved waiver program, i.e., employ a representative sample for each waiver.

Appendix H: Quality Improvement Strategy (2 of 2)

H-1: Systems Improvement

a. System Improvements

- i. Describe the process(es) for trending, prioritizing, and implementing system improvements (i.e., design changes) prompted as a result of an analysis of discovery and remediation information.

The analysis of discovery data and remediation information is conducted on an on-going basis due to the design feature of regular reporting and communications among waiver partners and stakeholders, as well as the Model Waiver Advisory Committee. OHS is the lead entity responsible for trending, prioritizing and determining system improvements. These processes are supported by the integral role of other waiver partners in providing data, which may also include data analysis, trending and the formulation of recommendations for system improvements. These partners include the licensing office, case management providers, participants/families, and Waiver Advisory Committee members.

When data analysis reveals the need for system change, DONS staff make recommendations to OHS management and discuss the prioritization of design changes. Plans developed as a result of this process will be shared with stakeholders primarily through the forum of the Model Waiver Advisory Committee. The purpose and objective of the MW Advisory Committee is to provide feedback for regulation amendments and new initiatives to improve quality and the delivery of services as well as the satisfaction of participants with their services. Membership includes but is not limited to providers, Medicaid waiver staff, primary care physicians, participants and family members. Meetings are quarterly and customer satisfaction surveys are presented annually. The Committee also reviews the results of the 372 and the Evidence Report.

ii. System Improvement Activities

Responsible Party <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of Monitoring and Analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Quality Improvement Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: Model Waiver Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

b. System Design Changes

- i. Describe the process for monitoring and analyzing the effectiveness of system design changes. Include a description of the various roles and responsibilities involved in the processes for monitoring & assessing system design changes. If applicable, include the State's targeted standards for systems improvement.

Monitoring the effectiveness of system design changes is an on-going process performed predominantly by the OHS staff who are responsible for the administration of the waiver and for ensuring an effective, dynamic quality management plan. Stakeholders also have a definite role in providing input to OHS regarding plans for system design changes. As a logical extension of that role, stakeholders would also be involved in analyzing the results of changes made to the design of the Model Waiver. These processes will be central to the guiding purpose of the Model Waiver Advisory Committee. Again, waiver design changes will always be presented to the Waiver Advisory Committee for input and direction as appropriate and will be shared with participants and families through mailings and as part of the annual satisfaction survey.

- ii. Describe the process to periodically evaluate, as appropriate, the Quality Improvement Strategy.

The quality improvement strategy or what is referred to in this application as the quality management plan is subject to continuous evaluation of effectiveness and relevance by participants, providers, other stakeholders and administering waiver staff. The quality management plan is based on decisions made by OHS and its waiver partners about the types of data that will be gathered, the performance measures which will be established, the parties that will analyze data and evaluate system changes and at what frequency. Through the continuous process of discovery, vital information will continually flow into the waiver from many sources, such as, Reportable Events, waiver performance measures, Model Waiver Advisory Committee meetings, provider reviews by DONS' staff, provider licensure and complaint surveys/reports, consumer satisfaction surveys, Maryland Board of Nursing data, provider input, Fair Hearings and provider audits. If the quality management plan is not working as it should be, the repetition of issues and problems and unsuccessful remediation actions will indicate that the quality management plan must be evaluated. To provide structure to the periodic evaluation of the quality management, OHS staff will routinely involve the Model Waiver Advisory Committee. A review of the effectiveness of the quality management plan will be on the Model Waiver Advisory Committee meeting agenda annually effective July 1, 2018. A plan to work on significant problem areas may result in the establishment of a specific task group or groups, which could also involve stakeholders who are not current members of the Model Waiver Advisory Committee.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

I-1: Financial Integrity and Accountability

Financial Integrity. Describe the methods that are employed to ensure the integrity of payments that have been made for waiver services, including: (a) requirements concerning the independent audit of provider agencies; (b) the financial audit program that the state conducts to ensure the integrity of provider billings for Medicaid payment of waiver services, including the methods, scope and frequency of audits; and, (c) the agency (or agencies) responsible for conducting the financial audit program. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Single State Audit:

There is an annual independent audit of Maryland's Medical Assistance Program that includes Medicaid home and community-based waiver programs. The annual audit is conducted by an independent contractor in accordance with Circular A-133. A major focus of this audit is the integrity of provider billings. The contract for this audit is bid out every five years by Maryland's Comptroller's Office. The present contractor is Abrams, Foster, Nole and Williams.

Department of Legislative Services:

The Maryland Department of Legislative Services conducts independent audits of all State agencies and programs including the Medical Assistance Program. Medicaid is audited on a two-year cycle.

DONS:

The DONS reviews paid claims for services authorized for MW clients and, when necessary, recovers inappropriate payments identified as a result of the review. In addition, DONS' staff conducts desk as well as on-site audits of providers to monitor paid claims and to recover funds as necessary. If there appear to be substantial issues with the provider's Medicaid billing, the DONS refers the provider to the Office of Inspector General for a more detailed audit. Such actions have led to referrals to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Attorney General's Office for further investigation and criminal prosecution.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

Quality Improvement: Financial Accountability

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State's methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Financial Accountability Assurance:

The State must demonstrate that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for ensuring financial accountability of the waiver program. (For waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014, this assurance read "State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.")

i. Sub-Assurances:

- a. Sub-assurance: The State provides evidence that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver and only for services rendered.** (Performance measures in this sub-assurance include all Appendix I performance measures for waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014.)

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of audited provider cited for billing in excess of the participant's authorized POC; Numerator: Total # of audited providers cited for billing services in excess of the participant's authorized POC; Denominator: Total of audited providers

Data Source (Select one):

Other

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Participants' POC and MMIS paid claims data

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: 20% of providers on a quarterly basis
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
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<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of claims paid appropriately; Numerator: Total # of claims identified as paid correctly/appropriately; Denominator: Total # of claims reviewed

Data Source (Select one):

Other

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

MMIS and the POC of participants

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
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Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis(check each that applies):
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
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- b. *Sub-assurance: The state provides evidence that rates remain consistent with the approved rate methodology throughout the five year waiver cycle.*

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Indicator: Percentage of provider payment rates that are consistent with the rate methodology
Numerator: Number of provider rates consistent with the rate methodology.
Denominator: Number of provider rates reviewed annually.

Data Source (Select one):

Record reviews, on-site

If 'Other' is selected, specify:

Responsible Party for data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Frequency of data collection/generation (check each that applies):	Sampling Approach (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 100% Review
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Sample Confidence Interval = <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Describe Group: <input type="text"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input type="text"/>	

Data Aggregation and Analysis:

Responsible Party for data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis (check each that applies):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually

<input type="text"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

- ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.
 OHS routinely conducts audits and reviews paid claims in MMIS to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver. These activities are conducted on an annual basis.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

- i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.
 The State routinely initiates a recovery of monies paid for services billed in excess of the participant’s authorized POC. Agencies found to routinely err in billing Medicaid for waiver services are offered technical assistance and are required to submit a corrective action plan. An agency which continues to consistently bill the Program inappropriately after technical assistance and a corrective action plan is received by OHS is referred to the DHMH Office of Inspector General (OIG) for further investigation or terminated. Please note that the OIG makes referrals to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) as necessary.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

Responsible Party <i>(check each that applies):</i>	Frequency of data aggregation and analysis <i>(check each that applies):</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Medicaid Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Sub-State Entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuously and Ongoing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Financial Accountability that are currently non-operational.

- No**
- Yes**

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Financial Accountability, the specific timeline for implementing

identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

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I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (1 of 3)

- a. Rate Determination Methods.** In two pages or less, describe the methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates for waiver services and the entity or entities that are responsible for rate determination. Indicate any opportunity for public comment in the process. If different methods are employed for various types of services, the description may group services for which the same method is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available upon request to CMS through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Waiver providers for private duty nursing and home health aide/certified nursing assistant services are paid the same rate as that paid to private duty nursing providers under the State Plan. OHS staff are responsible for the rate determination. The rate paid to these providers are increased with an inflationary factor built into the rate structure to allow routine increases (subject to the limitations of the State budget) to the rates. Proposed regulatory amendments are published in the Maryland Register and all interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on the proposed changes. The fee schedule for these services is adjusted annually by the DONS' staff by adjusting the fee by the percentage of the annual increase in the July Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, Medical Care Component, Washington-Baltimore, from the U.S. Department of labor, Bureaus of Labor Statistics.

The DONS issues a transmittal to providers notifying them of changes in payment rates.

Waiver participants may receive information concerning payment rates by requesting the information from their case manager or by calling the DONS' Nurse Consultant.

- b. Flow of Billings.** Describe the flow of billings for waiver services, specifying whether provider billings flow directly from providers to the State's claims payment system or whether billings are routed through other intermediary entities. If billings flow through other intermediary entities, specify the entities:

Providers of services to waiver participants forward bills directly to the State's MMIS claims payment system.

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I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (2 of 3)

- c. Certifying Public Expenditures** (*select one*):

- No. State or local government agencies do not certify expenditures for waiver services.**
- Yes. State or local government agencies directly expend funds for part or all of the cost of waiver services and certify their State government expenditures (CPE) in lieu of billing that amount to Medicaid.**

Select at least one:

- Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of State Public Agencies.**

Specify: (a) the State government agency or agencies that certify public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on the total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the State verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b). (*Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-a.*)

Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of Local Government Agencies.

Specify: (a) the local government agencies that incur certified public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the State verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b). *(Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-b.)*

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I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (3 of 3)

- d. Billing Validation Process.** Describe the process for validating provider billings to produce the claim for federal financial participation, including the mechanism(s) to assure that all claims for payment are made only: (a) when the individual was eligible for Medicaid waiver payment on the date of service; (b) when the service was included in the participant's approved service plan; and, (c) the services were provided:

(a) Payments for all waiver services are made through the approved Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). The claims are subject to the full edits of the MMIS in addition to editing each claim to validate the participant's waiver eligibility on the date of service. The claims are also edited to ensure that those which require pre-authorization are, indeed, pre-authorized and are being billed according to the specific pre-authorization parameters such as the pre-authorization time span, the number of units of service pre-authorized, type of service pre-authorized, etc. Requests are made for federal financial participation based on claims processed through the MMIS.

(b) The MW case manager validates during the quarterly participant site visit that the participant is receiving the services indicated in the plan of care by interviewing the participant and reviewing a week' of nursing notes on a monthly basis. The DONS' staff also verify the service was included and rendered in accordance with the participant's approved POC when it performs provider audits (on-site and desk reviews) including a review of paid claims data.

(c) The same processes as noted in (b) of this answer apply to (c) as well. In addition, providers of home health aide/certified nursing assistant and private duty nursing services must maintain sufficient documentation verifying the participant's receipt of services as documented by the participant's signature or the signature of the participant's witness on the provider's official form.

- e. Billing and Claims Record Maintenance Requirement.** Records documenting the audit trail of adjudicated claims (including supporting documentation) are maintained by the Medicaid agency, the operating agency (if applicable), and providers of waiver services for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR §92.42.

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I-3: Payment (1 of 7)

- a. Method of payments -- MMIS (select one):**

- Payments for all waiver services are made through an approved Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).**
- Payments for some, but not all, waiver services are made through an approved MMIS.**

Specify: (a) the waiver services that are not paid through an approved MMIS; (b) the process for making such payments and the entity that processes payments; (c) and how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

- Payments for waiver services are not made through an approved MMIS.**

Specify: (a) the process by which payments are made and the entity that processes payments; (b) how and through which system(s) the payments are processed; (c) how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

- Payments for waiver services are made by a managed care entity or entities. The managed care entity is paid a monthly capitated payment per eligible enrollee through an approved MMIS.**

Describe how payments are made to the managed care entity or entities:

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I-3: Payment (2 of 7)

- b. Direct payment.** In addition to providing that the Medicaid agency makes payments directly to providers of waiver services, payments for waiver services are made utilizing one or more of the following arrangements (*select at least one*):

- The Medicaid agency makes payments directly and does not use a fiscal agent (comprehensive or limited) or a managed care entity or entities.**
- The Medicaid agency pays providers through the same fiscal agent used for the rest of the Medicaid program.**
- The Medicaid agency pays providers of some or all waiver services through the use of a limited fiscal agent.**

Specify the limited fiscal agent, the waiver services for which the limited fiscal agent makes payment, the functions that the limited fiscal agent performs in paying waiver claims, and the methods by which the Medicaid agency oversees the operations of the limited fiscal agent:

- Providers are paid by a managed care entity or entities for services that are included in the State's contract with the entity.**

Specify how providers are paid for the services (if any) not included in the State's contract with managed care entities.

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I-3: Payment (3 of 7)

- c. Supplemental or Enhanced Payments.** Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to States for expenditures for services under an approved State plan/waiver. Specify whether supplemental or enhanced payments

are made. *Select one:*

- No. The State does not make supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.**
- Yes. The State makes supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.**

Describe: (a) the nature of the supplemental or enhanced payments that are made and the waiver services for which these payments are made; (b) the types of providers to which such payments are made; (c) the source of the non-Federal share of the supplemental or enhanced payment; and, (d) whether providers eligible to receive the supplemental or enhanced payment retain 100% of the total computable expenditure claimed by the State to CMS. Upon request, the State will furnish CMS with detailed information about the total amount of supplemental or enhanced payments to each provider type in the waiver.

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I-3: Payment (4 of 7)

d. Payments to State or Local Government Providers. *Specify whether State or local government providers receive payment for the provision of waiver services.*

- No. State or local government providers do not receive payment for waiver services.** Do not complete Item I-3-e.
- Yes. State or local government providers receive payment for waiver services.** Complete Item I-3-e.

Specify the types of State or local government providers that receive payment for waiver services and the services that the State or local government providers furnish:

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I-3: Payment (5 of 7)

e. Amount of Payment to State or Local Government Providers.

Specify whether any State or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services and, if so, whether and how the State recoups the excess and returns the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report. *Select one:*

Answers provided in Appendix I-3-d indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

- The amount paid to State or local government providers is the same as the amount paid to private providers of the same service.**
- The amount paid to State or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. No public provider receives payments that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services.**
- The amount paid to State or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. When a State or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed the cost of waiver services, the State**

recoups the excess and returns the federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report.

Describe the recoupment process:

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I-3: Payment (6 of 7)

f. **Provider Retention of Payments.** Section 1903(a)(1) provides that Federal matching funds are only available for expenditures made by states for services under the approved waiver. *Select one:*

- Providers receive and retain 100 percent of the amount claimed to CMS for waiver services.**
- Providers are paid by a managed care entity (or entities) that is paid a monthly capitated payment.**

Specify whether the monthly capitated payment to managed care entities is reduced or returned in part to the State.

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I-3: Payment (7 of 7)

g. **Additional Payment Arrangements**

i. **Voluntary Reassignment of Payments to a Governmental Agency.** *Select one:*

- No. The State does not provide that providers may voluntarily reassign their right to direct payments to a governmental agency.**
- Yes. Providers may voluntarily reassign their right to direct payments to a governmental agency as provided in 42 CFR §447.10(e).**

Specify the governmental agency (or agencies) to which reassignment may be made.

ii. **Organized Health Care Delivery System.** *Select one:*

- No. The State does not employ Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) arrangements under the provisions of 42 CFR §447.10.**
- Yes. The waiver provides for the use of Organized Health Care Delivery System arrangements under the provisions of 42 CFR §447.10.**

Specify the following: (a) the entities that are designated as an OHCDS and how these entities qualify for designation as an OHCDS; (b) the procedures for direct provider enrollment when a provider does not voluntarily agree to contract with a designated OHCDS; (c) the method(s) for assuring that participants have free choice of qualified providers when an OHCDS arrangement is employed, including the selection of providers not affiliated with the OHCDS; (d) the method(s) for assuring that providers that furnish services under contract with an OHCDS meet applicable provider qualifications under the waiver; (e) how

it is assured that OHCDS contracts with providers meet applicable requirements; and, (f) how financial accountability is assured when an OHCDS arrangement is used:

iii. **Contracts with MCOs, PIHPs or PAHPs.** *Select one:*

- The State does not contract with MCOs, PIHPs or PAHPs for the provision of waiver services.**
- The State contracts with a Managed Care Organization(s) (MCOs) and/or prepaid inpatient health plan(s) (PIHP) or prepaid ambulatory health plan(s) (PAHP) under the provisions of §1915(a)(1) of the Act for the delivery of waiver and other services. Participants may voluntarily elect to receive waiver and other services through such MCOs or prepaid health plans. Contracts with these health plans are on file at the State Medicaid agency.**

Describe: (a) the MCOs and/or health plans that furnish services under the provisions of §1915(a)(1); (b) the geographic areas served by these plans; (c) the waiver and other services furnished by these plans; and, (d) how payments are made to the health plans.

- This waiver is a part of a concurrent §1915(b)/§1915(c) waiver. Participants are required to obtain waiver and other services through a MCO and/or prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) or a prepaid ambulatory health plan (PAHP). The §1915(b) waiver specifies the types of health plans that are used and how payments to these plans are made.**
- This waiver is a part of a concurrent 1115/1915(c) waiver. Participants are required to obtain waiver and other services through a MCO and/or prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) or a prepaid ambulatory health plan (PAHP). The 1115 waiver specifies the types of health plans that are used and how payments to these plans are made.**

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I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (1 of 3)

- a. **State Level Source(s) of the Non-Federal Share of Computable Waiver Costs.** Specify the State source or sources of the non-federal share of computable waiver costs. *Select at least one:*

- Appropriation of State Tax Revenues to the State Medicaid agency**
- Appropriation of State Tax Revenues to a State Agency other than the Medicaid Agency.**

If the source of the non-federal share is appropriations to another state agency (or agencies), specify: (a) the State entity or agency receiving appropriated funds and (b) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if the funds are directly expended by State agencies as CPEs, as indicated in Item I-2-c:

- Other State Level Source(s) of Funds.**

Specify: (a) the source and nature of funds; (b) the entity or agency that receives the funds; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if funds are directly expended by State agencies as CPEs, as indicated in Item I-2-c:

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I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (2 of 3)

- b. Local Government or Other Source(s) of the Non-Federal Share of Computable Waiver Costs.** Specify the source or sources of the non-federal share of computable waiver costs that are not from state sources. *Select One:*

Not Applicable. There are no local government level sources of funds utilized as the non-federal share.

Applicable

Check each that applies:

Appropriation of Local Government Revenues.

Specify: (a) the local government entity or entities that have the authority to levy taxes or other revenues; (b) the source(s) of revenue; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement (indicate any intervening entities in the transfer process), and/or, indicate if funds are directly expended by local government agencies as CPEs, as specified in Item I-2-c:

Other Local Government Level Source(s) of Funds.

Specify: (a) the source of funds; (b) the local government entity or agency receiving funds; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the State Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if funds are directly expended by local government agencies as CPEs, as specified in Item I-2-c:

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I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (3 of 3)

- c. Information Concerning Certain Sources of Funds.** Indicate whether any of the funds listed in Items I-4-a or I-4-b that make up the non-federal share of computable waiver costs come from the following sources: (a) health care-related taxes or fees; (b) provider-related donations; and/or, (c) federal funds. *Select one:*

None of the specified sources of funds contribute to the non-federal share of computable waiver costs

The following source(s) are used

Check each that applies:

Health care-related taxes or fees

Provider-related donations

Federal funds

For each source of funds indicated above, describe the source of the funds in detail:

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I-5: Exclusion of Medicaid Payment for Room and Board

a. **Services Furnished in Residential Settings.** *Select one:*

- No services under this waiver are furnished in residential settings other than the private residence of the individual.
- As specified in Appendix C, the State furnishes waiver services in residential settings other than the personal home of the individual.

b. **Method for Excluding the Cost of Room and Board Furnished in Residential Settings.** The following describes the methodology that the State uses to exclude Medicaid payment for room and board in residential settings:

Do not complete this item.

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I-6: Payment for Rent and Food Expenses of an Unrelated Live-In Caregiver

Reimbursement for the Rent and Food Expenses of an Unrelated Live-In Personal Caregiver. *Select one:*

- No. The State does not reimburse for the rent and food expenses of an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant.
- Yes. Per 42 CFR §441.310(a)(2)(ii), the State will claim FFP for the additional costs of rent and food that can be reasonably attributed to an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who resides in the same household as the waiver participant. The State describes its coverage of live-in caregiver in Appendix C-3 and the costs attributable to rent and food for the live-in caregiver are reflected separately in the computation of factor D (cost of waiver services) in Appendix J. FFP for rent and food for a live-in caregiver will not be claimed when the participant lives in the caregiver's home or in a residence that is owned or leased by the provider of Medicaid services.

The following is an explanation of: (a) the method used to apportion the additional costs of rent and food attributable to the unrelated live-in personal caregiver that are incurred by the individual served on the waiver and (b) the method used to reimburse these costs:

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (1 of 5)

a. **Co-Payment Requirements.** Specify whether the State imposes a co-payment or similar charge upon waiver participants for waiver services. These charges are calculated per service and have the effect of reducing the total computable claim for federal financial participation. *Select one:*

- No. The State does not impose a co-payment or similar charge upon participants for waiver services.
- Yes. The State imposes a co-payment or similar charge upon participants for one or more waiver services.
 - i. **Co-Pay Arrangement.**

Specify the types of co-pay arrangements that are imposed on waiver participants (*check each that applies*):

Charges Associated with the Provision of Waiver Services (if any are checked, complete Items I-7-a-ii through I-7-a-iv):

- Nominal deductible
- Coinsurance
- Co-Payment
- Other charge

Specify:

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (2 of 5)

- a. Co-Payment Requirements.
 - ii. Participants Subject to Co-pay Charges for Waiver Services.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (3 of 5)

- a. Co-Payment Requirements.
 - iii. Amount of Co-Pay Charges for Waiver Services.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (4 of 5)

- a. Co-Payment Requirements.
 - iv. Cumulative Maximum Charges.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (5 of 5)

- b. **Other State Requirement for Cost Sharing.** Specify whether the State imposes a premium, enrollment fee or similar cost sharing on waiver participants. *Select one:*
 - No. The State does not impose a premium, enrollment fee, or similar cost-sharing arrangement on waiver participants.
 - Yes. The State imposes a premium, enrollment fee or similar cost-sharing arrangement.

Describe in detail the cost sharing arrangement, including: (a) the type of cost sharing (e.g., premium, enrollment fee); (b) the amount of charge and how the amount of the charge is related to total gross family income; (c) the groups of participants subject to cost-sharing and the groups who are excluded; and, (d) the mechanisms for the collection of cost-sharing and reporting the amount collected on the CMS 64:

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-1: Composite Overview and Demonstration of Cost-Neutrality Formula

Composite Overview. Complete the fields in Cols. 3, 5 and 6 in the following table for each waiver year. The fields in Cols. 4, 7 and 8 are auto-calculated based on entries in Cols 3, 5, and 6. The fields in Col. 2 are auto-calculated using the Factor D data from the J-2-d Estimate of Factor D tables. Col. 2 fields will be populated ONLY when the Estimate of Factor D tables in J-2-d have been completed.

Level(s) of Care: Hospital, Nursing Facility

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6	Col. 7	Col. 8
Year	Factor D	Factor D'	Total: D+D'	Factor G	Factor G'	Total: G+G'	Difference (Col 7 less Column4)
1	14769.89	111715.85	126485.74	204257.41	61582.53	265839.94	139354.20
2	15130.33	114910.93	130041.26	209425.12	63343.80	272768.92	142727.66
3	15475.41	118197.38	133672.79	214723.58	65155.43	279879.01	146206.22
4	15996.05	121577.82	137573.87	220156.08	67018.87	287174.95	149601.08
5	16032.62	125054.95	141087.57	225726.03	68935.61	294661.64	153574.07

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (1 of 9)

- a. **Number Of Unduplicated Participants Served.** Enter the total number of unduplicated participants from Item B-3-a who will be served each year that the waiver is in operation. When the waiver serves individuals under more than one level of care, specify the number of unduplicated participants for each level of care:

Table: J-2-a: Unduplicated Participants

Waiver Year	Total Unduplicated Number of Participants (from Item B-3-a)	Distribution of Unduplicated Participants by Level of Care (if applicable)	
		Level of Care:	Level of Care:
		Hospital	Nursing Facility
Year 1	219	29	190
Year 2	219	29	190
Year 3	220	30	190
Year 4	221	31	190
Year 5	222	32	190

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (2 of 9)

- b. **Average Length of Stay.** Describe the basis of the estimate of the average length of stay on the waiver by participants

in item J-2-a.

Model Waiver data were analyzed for FY 2014-2016 and an average length of stay weighted by level of care (nursing facility or chronic hospital) was 338 days. There was little variation in this number over the three years, so 338 days is used as the estimated length of stay for the 5 years of the renewal.

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (3 of 9)

c. Derivation of Estimates for Each Factor. Provide a narrative description for the derivation of the estimates of the following factors.

i. Factor D Derivation. The estimates of Factor D for each waiver year are located in Item J-2-d. The basis for these estimates is as follows:

Factor D was estimated using the FY 2016 Factor D actual expenditures and compounded annually by the three-year (FY2014 - FY2016) average increase in the Baltimore-Washington medical care inflation rate (.0286). Since some services increase less frequently, the rate increase for total expenditures varies slightly.

ii. Factor D' Derivation. The estimates of Factor D' for each waiver year are included in Item J-1. The basis of these estimates is as follows:

Factor D' was estimated using the FY 2016 Factor D' actual expenditures and compounded annually by the three-year (FY2014-FY-2016) average increase in the Baltimore-Washington medical care inflation rate (.0286).

iii. Factor G Derivation. The estimates of Factor G for each waiver year are included in Item J-1. The basis of these estimates is as follows:

FY17-FY22 are estimated based on the weighted percentage of CH and NF level of care Model Waiver participants designated by their age as of 6/30/2016 (age<20=CH=200 participants), (age 21+=NF=18 participants). Factor G was then increased annually by .0253 (SNF Market Basket Index).

iv. Factor G' Derivation. The estimates of Factor G' for each waiver year are included in Item J-1. The basis of these estimates is as follows:

FY17-FY22 are estimated based on the weighted percentage of CH and NF level of care Model Waiver participants designated by their age as of 6/30/2016 (age<20=CH=200 participants), (age 21+=NF=18 participants). Factor G' was then increased annually by .0286 (CPI Med for Baltimore-Washington area).

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (4 of 9)

Component management for waiver services. If the service(s) below includes two or more discrete services that are reimbursed separately, or is a bundled service, each component of the service must be listed. Select “*manage components*” to add these components.

Waiver Services
Case Management
Certified Nursing Assistant Service
Medical Day Care
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting
Private duty nursing service

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (5 of 9)

d. Estimate of Factor D.

i. Non-Concurrent Waiver. Complete the following table for each waiver year. Enter data into the Unit, # Users, Avg. Units Per User, and Avg. Cost/Unit fields for all the Waiver Service/Component items. Select Save and Calculate to automatically calculate and populate the Component Costs and Total Costs fields. All fields in this table must be completed in order to populate the Factor D fields in the J-1 Composite Overview table.

Waiver Year: Year 1

Waiver Service/ Component	Unit	# Users	Avg. Units Per User	Avg. Cost/ Unit	Component Cost	Total Cost
Case Management Total:						1204500.00
Case Management	1 month	219	11.00	500.00	1204500.00	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service Total:						4498.22
CNA/HHA-CMT Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	4.51	4.51	
CNA/HHA-CMT Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	3.11	3.11	
CNA/HHA Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	2.60	2.60	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service	15 minutes	1	1200.00	3.74	4488.00	
Medical Day Care Total:						6665.86
Medical Day Care	1 day	1	86.00	77.51	6665.86	
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting Total:						4894.02
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting	1 meeting	57	2.00	42.93	4894.02	
Private duty nursing service Total:						2014047.93
Nurse Assessment	1 assessment	12	1.00	150.00	1800.00	
RN Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	13.71	13.71	
LPN Services	15 minutes	12	13602.00	8.54	1393932.96	
RN Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1200.00	9.09	10908.00	
LPN Shared Services	15 minutes	9	11153.00	5.90	592224.30	
RN Supervisory Visit	1 visit	12	24.00	52.67	15168.96	
GRAND TOTAL:						3234606.03
Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants:						219
Factor D (Divide total by number of participants):						14769.89
Average Length of Stay on the Waiver:						338

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration**J-2: Derivation of Estimates (6 of 9)****d. Estimate of Factor D.**

i. Non-Concurrent Waiver. Complete the following table for each waiver year. Enter data into the Unit, # Users, Avg. Units Per User, and Avg. Cost/Unit fields for all the Waiver Service/Component items. Select Save and Calculate to automatically calculate and populate the Component Costs and Total Costs fields. All fields in this table must be completed in order to populate the Factor D fields in the J-1 Composite Overview table.

Waiver Year: Year 2

Waiver Service/ Component	Unit	# Users	Avg. Units Per User	Avg. Cost/ Unit	Component Cost	Total Cost
Case Management Total:						1228590.00
Case Management	1 month	219	11.00	510.00	1228590.00	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service Total:						4630.52
CNA/HHA-CMT Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	4.64	4.64	
CNA/HHA-CMT Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	3.20	3.20	
CNA/HHA Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	2.68	2.68	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service	15 minutes	1	1200.00	3.85	4620.00	
Medical Day Care Total:						13725.60
Medical Day Care	1 day	2	86.00	79.80	13725.60	
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting Total:						5127.20
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting	1 meeting	58	2.00	44.20	5127.20	
Private duty nursing service Total:						2061469.07
Nurse Assessment	1 assessment	12	1.00	150.00	1800.00	
RN Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	14.12	14.12	
LPN Services	15 minutes	12	13602.00	8.79	1434738.96	
RN Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	9.36	9.36	
LPN Shared Services	15 minutes	9	11153.00	6.07	609288.39	
RN Supervisory Visit	1 visit	12	24.00	54.23	15618.24	
GRAND TOTAL:						3313542.39
Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants:						219
Factor D (Divide total by number of participants):						15130.33
Average Length of Stay on the Waiver:						338

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (7 of 9)

d. Estimate of Factor D.

i. Non-Concurrent Waiver. Complete the following table for each waiver year. Enter data into the Unit, # Users, Avg. Units Per User, and Avg. Cost/Unit fields for all the Waiver Service/Component items. Select Save and Calculate to automatically calculate and populate the Component Costs and Total Costs fields. All fields in this table must be

completed in order to populate the Factor D fields in the J-1 Composite Overview table.

Waiver Year: Year 3

Waiver Service/ Component	Unit	# Users	Avg. Units Per User	Avg. Cost/ Unit	Component Cost	Total Cost
Case Management Total:						1246300.00
Case Management	1 month	220	11.00	515.00	1246300.00	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service Total:						4762.60
CNA/HHA-CMT Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	4.64	4.64	
CNA/HHA-CMT Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	3.20	3.20	
CNA/HHA Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	2.76	2.76	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service	15 minutes	1	1200.00	3.96	4752.00	
Medical Day Care Total:						14133.24
Medical Day Care	1 day	2	86.00	82.17	14133.24	
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting Total:						5279.16
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting	1 meeting	58	2.00	45.51	5279.16	
Private duty nursing service Total:						2134115.02
Nurse Assessment	1 assessment	12	1.00	160.00	1920.00	
RN Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	14.53	14.53	
LPN Services	15 minutes	12	13602.00	9.05	1477177.20	
RN Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1200.00	9.64	11568.00	
LPN Shared Services	15 minutes	9	11153.00	6.25	627356.25	
RN Supervisory Visit	1 visit	12	24.00	55.83	16079.04	
GRAND TOTAL:						3404590.02
Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants:						220
Factor D (Divide total by number of participants):						15475.41
Average Length of Stay on the Waiver:						338

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (8 of 9)

d. Estimate of Factor D.

i. Non-Concurrent Waiver. Complete the following table for each waiver year. Enter data into the Unit, # Users, Avg. Units Per User, and Avg. Cost/Unit fields for all the Waiver Service/Component items. Select Save and Calculate to automatically calculate and populate the Component Costs and Total Costs fields. All fields in this table must be completed in order to populate the Factor D fields in the J-1 Composite Overview table.

Waiver Year: Year 4

Waiver Service/ Component	Unit	# Users	Avg. Units Per User	Avg. Cost/ Unit	Component Cost	Total Cost
Case Management Total:						1251965.00
Case Management	1 month	221	11.00	515.00	1251965.00	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service Total:						5051.15
CNA/HHA-CMT Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	4.92	4.92	
CNA/HHA-CMT Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	3.39	3.39	
CNA/HHA Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	2.84	2.84	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service	15 minutes	1	1200.00	4.20	5040.00	
Medical Day Care Total:						14551.20
Medical Day Care	1 day	2	86.00	84.60	14551.20	
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting Total:						5435.76
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting	1 meeting	58	2.00	46.86	5435.76	
Private duty nursing service Total:						2258122.88
Nurse Assessment	15 minutes	12	1.00	170.00	2040.00	
RN Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	14.96	14.96	
LPN Services	15 minutes	12	13602.00	9.32	1521247.68	
RN Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	9.92	9.92	
LPN Shared Services	15 minutes	10	11153.00	6.44	718253.20	
RN Supervisory Visit	1 visit	12	24.00	57.49	16557.12	
GRAND TOTAL:						3535125.99
Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants:						221
Factor D (Divide total by number of participants):						15996.05
Average Length of Stay on the Waiver:						338

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (9 of 9)

d. Estimate of Factor D.

i. Non-Concurrent Waiver. Complete the following table for each waiver year. Enter data into the Unit, # Users, Avg. Units Per User, and Avg. Cost/Unit fields for all the Waiver Service/Component items. Select Save and Calculate to automatically calculate and populate the Component Costs and Total Costs fields. All fields in this table must be completed in order to populate the Factor D fields in the J-1 Composite Overview table.

Waiver Year: Year 5

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Waiver Service/ Component	Unit	# Users	Avg. Units Per User	Avg. Cost/ Unit	Component Cost	Total Cost
Case Management Total:						1282050.00
Case Management	1 month	222	11.00	525.00	1282050.00	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service Total:						5051.49
CNA/HHA-CMT Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	5.07	5.07	
CNA/HHA-CMT Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	3.49	3.49	
CNA/HHA Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	2.93	2.93	
Certified Nursing Assistant Service	15 minutes	1	1200.00	4.20	5040.00	
Medical Day Care Total:						14981.20
Medical Day Care	1 day	2	86.00	87.10	14981.20	
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting Total:						5597.00
Principal Physician's Participation in the Plan of Care Meeting	1 meeting	58	2.00	48.25	5597.00	
Private duty nursing service Total:						2251561.96
Nurse Assessment	15 minutes	12	1.00	170.00	2040.00	
RN Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	15.41	15.41	
LPN Services	15 minutes	12	13602.00	9.60	1566950.40	
RN Shared Services	15 minutes	1	1.00	9.92	9.92	
LPN Shared Services	15 minutes	9	11153.00	6.63	665499.51	
RN Supervisory Visit	1 visit	12	24.00	59.19	17046.72	
GRAND TOTAL:						3559241.65
Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants:						222
Factor D (Divide total by number of participants):						16032.62
Average Length of Stay on the Waiver:						338