**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY WAIVER REPORTS**

**January 2016**

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| **WAIVER AMENDMENTS**  **&**  **RENEWALS** | **PURPOSE** | **SUBMITTED TO CMS** | **APPROVED** | **COMMENTS** |
| Community Options Waiver | Needs to be renewed in 2016, submission planned for April 1. |  |  | Received response about rate methodology from CMS in Nov 2015.  Submit to CMS by April 1, 2016 – a study documenting the development and basis for the waiver rates demonstrating that the rates are economic and efficient. |
| Autism Waiver | Submitted renewal application. | March 14, 2014 | 9/24/14 | Received response about rate methodology from CMS in Nov 2015.  Submit to CMS by April 1, 2016 – a study documenting the development and basis for the waiver rates demonstrating that the rates are economic and efficient. |
| HCBS Community Setting Draft Transition Plan | To come into compliance with CMS Final Rule by 2019 | March 12, 2015 |  | Submitted to CMS March 12, 2015.  CMS provided feedback in November 2015.  Will revise State Transition Plan and submit to CMS in March 2016. |
| Community Pathways Waiver | The department proposes to: (1) enhance self-directed service model  (2) update program capacity  (3) new reserve waiver capacity (4) update projected service utilization and cost based (5) remove requirement for active treatment in order to be eligible (6) unit of service from an hour to 15 minute and (7) update terminology and language |  |  | Public comments can be submitted to wfb.dda@maryland.gov through January 31, 2016. |
| 1915(b) amendment | The department proposes to: Limit providers of transition services to Supports Planning Agencies |  |  |  |

* Working with Hilltop on Rate Studies, received CMS comments on June 4th on 2nd proposal sent to CMS May 5th