

**Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee Monthly Waiver Reports
April 2023**

| AMENDMENTS | PURPOSE | COMMENTS |
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| 1915(c) Waiver Programs | | |
| Community Pathways Appendix K | This Appendix K is additive to the approved Appendix K and updates temporary authorities related to residential retainer payments. Effective January 1, 2022, providers who have not accessed Appendix K retainer payments or have exhausted Appendix K retainer payments may access retainer payments as stipulated in the base waiver. | 4/12/23 - The appendix K was submitted to CMS on 3/8/23. It remains under review with CMS. |
| Autism Waiver Amendment | <p>This waiver amendment includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An increase to the approved total unduplicated number of participant slots for FY22 - FY24. 2. A change of service unit increments for respite care, adult life planning, family consultation, intensive individual support services, therapeutic integration, and intensive therapeutic integration to reflect a 15-minute unit increment. 3. A change to the daily minimum for therapeutic integration (regular and intensive) to a half hour unit instead of an hour. 4. A change to the educational requirement for Service Coordinators. 5. The addition of virtual supports as a service delivery option for individual intensive support services, therapeutic integration (regular and intensive), family consultation and adult life planning. 6. The lowering of the age requirement and removal of the lifetime limitation for adult life planning. 7. A change to allow adult life planning services while receiving residential habilitation. 8. A change to qualified assessor for level of care to include licensed psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, certified school psychologist, or an approved service coordinator employed or contracted by the local lead agency, the local education agency, the State, or the State's designee. 9. The qualified assessor will also make determinations for Environmental Accessibility Adaptations. 10. A modification to the degree requirement for Adult Life Planners and Supervisors from a master's degree to a bachelor's degree. 11. A removal of the high school diploma requirement and the addition of a minimum age requirement of 16 for direct care workers for residential habilitation (regular and intensive), intensive individual support services, respite care and therapeutic integration (regular and intensive) 12. An update to the provider enrollment process due to the implementation of the electronic provider revalidation and enrollment portal(ePREP) 13. A change to the participants' multidisciplinary team. | 4/12/23 - The amendment will be submitted to CMS for review the week of March 20, 2023. Under review with CMS. |

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| 1915(c) WAIVER NAME | RENEWAL STATUS |
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| Medical Day Care Services | CMS has approved an extension through 6/22/23 to continue addressing a specific CMS concern in the waiver document. |
| Community Pathways Waiver, Community Supports Waiver, and Family Supports Waiver | The renewal applications for the three DDA-operated Waivers were submitted as follows: Community Pathways Waiver on 1/10/23 and Community Supports and Family Supports Waivers on 1/26/23. The renewals remain under review with CMS. |
| Model Waiver | The renewal application was submitted to CMS on 3/29/23. The renewal is under review with CMS. |

| 1915(c) WAIVER NAME | 372 Due Date | 372 SUBMITTED | 372 APPROVED BY CMS |
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| Family Supports Waiver | 12/31/2022 | 1/8/2023 | Under review by CMS. |
| Community Supports Waiver | 12/31/2022 | 1/8/2023 | Under review by CMS. |
| Community Pathways Waiver | 12/31/2022 | 1/8/2023 | Under review by CMS. |
| Model Waiver for Fragile Children | 12/31/2022 | 12/29/2022 | Under review by CMS. |
| Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder | 12/31/2022 | 12/16/2022 | Report accepted by CMS on 3/3/2023. |
| Brain Injury Waiver | 12/31/2022 | 12/16/2022 | Report accepted by CMS on 3/15/23. |
| Home & Community-Based Options Waiver | 12/31/2022 | 12/29/2022 | Under review by CMS. |
| Medical Day Care Waiver | 12/31/2022 | 12/16/2022 | Report accepted by CMS on 3/15/23. |

| 1915(c) WAIVER NAME | EBR Due | EBR SUBMITTED | EBR APPROVED BY CMS |
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| Community Supports | 10/17/22 | Evidence based report was received on 6/10/22. | EBR submitted to CMS for review on 10/15/22. DDA & OLTSS responded to questions from CMS on 2/15/23. CMS' final approval is pending. |
| Family Supports | 10/17/22 | Evidence based report was received on 6/10/22. | EBR submitted to CMS for review on 10/15/22. DDA & OLTSS responded to questions from CMS on 2/15/23. CMS' final approval is pending. |
| Autism Waiver | 10/17/22 | Evidence based report was received on 6/10/22. | EBR submitted to CMS for review on 10/14/22. CMS' final approval is pending. |

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| Settings Rule | Maryland's Statewide Transition Plan (STP) is due to CMS 4/30/22 | The 2014 CMS Settings Rule establishes requirements for home and community-based (HCBS) programs. The purpose of the rule is to maximize the opportunities for HCBS program participants to have access to community living and services in the most integrated setting. All community settings providing HCBS services must be in compliance with the rule by 3/17/23. | CMS approved Maryland's Statewide Transition Plan and Corrective Action Plan (CAP) on 3/17/23. |