

## Home and Community Based Services Waiver Renewal *(July 2012)*

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Washington State submitted the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver program to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on May 31, 2012. The renewal reflects the 2012 supplemental budget. DDD has submitted the following four HCBS Waiver programs for renewal with a proposed effective date of September 1, 2012:

- Basic Plus Waiver
- Children Intensive In-home Behavioral Supports (CIIBS) Waiver
- Community Protection Waiver, and
- Core Waiver

The waiver renewals reflect the following changes:

- Basic Plus Waiver capacity projections will be updated to include individuals currently on the Basic Waiver. The Basic Waiver will not be renewed.
- Basic Waiver recipients moved to the Basic Plus Waiver will have access to all of the services contained within the Basic Plus Waiver for which they are eligible at the time the renewal request is approved. All individuals on the Basic Waiver will be moved to the Basic Plus Waiver at a single point in time.
- The amount of funding available for community access, pre-vocational services and supported employment services will be based on waiver recipient acuity. This change reflects division's response to Legislative direction to develop a standardized rate methodology that ensures that clients with similar support needs receive similar levels of service in similar types of settings. This new methodology is based on work conducted over the last two years by stakeholder groups.
- Eliminated employment and day program expenditure limit on Basic Plus waiver, because funding is now allocated based on client acuity and assessed need. Two new acuities have been developed:
  - Supported Employment acuity; and
  - Community Access acuity
- Individualized Technical Assistance (ITA) has been added as a service contracted via the counties. ITA is a short-term focused service designed to address individual barriers to employment.
- Person to Person will be eliminated as a day habilitation service. It had become duplicative of supported employment services and was not addressing barriers to employment as originally intended.
- The appropriate appendices have been updated to reflect that the Health Care Authority (HCA) is now the Single State Medicaid Agency. The Division of Developmental Disabilities within the Aging and Disability Services Administration in DSHS is now the State Operating Agency.
- Add Adult (21 and older) Dental Services to Basic Plus, Core and Community Protection waivers.
- Services named "Behavior Management and Consultation" have been changed to "Behavior Support and Consultation."
- The services named "Mental Health Stabilization Services" have been changed to "Behavioral Health Stabilization Services."

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- The service named "Mental Health Crisis Diversion Bed Services" has been changed to "Behavioral Health Crisis Diversion Bed Services."
- As mandated by the Legislature, state employees have been added as providers of the following Behavioral Health Stabilization Services:
  - Behavior Support and Consultation
  - Behavioral Health Crisis Diversion Bed Services
- Quality Improvement Strategies have been updated to address new performance measurements in response to the CMS Waiver audit.

Waiver renewal changes	Basic Plus	CIIBS	CP	Core
Supported Employment limit based on acuity	✓	N/A	✓	✓
Community Access service limit based on acuity	✓	N/A	N/A	✓
Add ITA as service	✓	N/A	✓	✓
Eliminate Person to Person Services	✓	N/A	✓	✓
HCA identified as Medicaid single state agency	✓	✓	✓	✓
Add state employees as provider type for Behavioral Health Stabilization Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Add Adult Dental service (21 and older)	✓	N/A	✓	✓
New performance measurements in response to CMS audit	✓	✓	✓	✓

We welcome your input with these changes. DDD has established a Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waiver Quality Assurance committee for an active, open and continuous dialogue with stakeholders to maintain monitor and improve the effectiveness and quality of our DDD HCBS waiver programs. This committee is representative of stakeholders who provide and/or receive waiver services and it is planned to meet two times a year. If you would like to provide input please contact Kris Pederson, HCBS Waiver Program Manager, at [Kristine.pederson@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Kristine.pederson@dshs.wa.gov) or 360/725-3445.