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# BHD Bulletin

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TO: Adult Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver, Child DD Waiver, and Acquired Brain Injury Waiver, Children's Mental Health Waiver, Participants, Guardians, and Providers

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SUBJECT: Public Notice of Waiver Amendments to be effective July 1, 2013

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The Wyoming Department of Health (the Department), Behavioral Health Division (the Division) is providing this notification that the Adult Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver, Child DD Waiver, Acquired Brain Injury Waiver, and Children's Mental Health Waiver will be amended with changes to rates and some services, which will go into effect on July 1, 2013.

To give some background on the reason for these amendments, the Department was directed by the 2012 Wyoming Legislature to reduce state general fund spending by four percent (4%) for state fiscal year 2014, which begins on July 1, 2013. The Department was also required to prepare for additional eight percent (8%) reductions for the department's future 2015-16 biennium budget. In response to the requirement, the Medicaid Waivers in the Division were directed to implement changes to reach the four percent reduction. Due to cost savings with the Individual Budget Amount (IBA) adjustment bulletin, the targeting criteria for residential habilitation, and the Extraordinary Care Committee process, **the Division only has to reduce service rates by one (1%) percent this coming fiscal year** and make a few other service changes to reach the four percent (4%) reduction.

There will be service changes in respite and skilled nursing, which include a new daily unit for respite and a revised skilled nursing definition. Some services will have code and unit changes due to coding changes at the federal level.

These changes will be published once finalized with the Office of Healthcare Financing. For questions or assistance, contact the Division at 307-777-6494.

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