

# Comprehensive and Supports Waiver Amendments Summary

## Proposed Effective February 1, 2021

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Due to catastrophic revenue declines in the State of Wyoming, Governor Mark Gordon has required all state agencies to reduce expenditures in order to meet new budget realities. The amendments to the Comprehensive and Supports Waiver programs that address this directive have been identified in a thoughtful manner that aims to have the least impact on participants.

### Proposed Changes (Across the Comprehensive and Supports Waivers)

- 1) Update language throughout application to reference participant direction rather than self-direction.
- 2) Appendix B - Participant Access and Eligibility
  - a. Removed Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) Assessment as a level of care assessment. The LT-104 assessment is used to determine level of care.
  - b. Removed the LT-104 as a level of care assessment for individuals with an acquired brain injury. The LT-101 is the level of care assessment used to determine nursing facility level of care.
- 3) Appendix C - Participant Services
  - a. Clarified that virtual support is an allowable delivery model for Adult Day and Community Living Basic Level Services.
  - b. Updated Adult Day, Community Living, Companion, and Personal Care Services to allow participants who require hospitalization to receive these services in a hospital setting when specific criteria is met, as outlined in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(h).
  - c. Eliminated Dietician, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing, and Speech, Language, and Hearing Services. Restorative services can be accessed currently through the Medicaid State Plan.
  - d. Eliminated Homemaker Services.
  - e. Updated Specialized Equipment Services - The State is clarifying its definition of items of general use.
- 4) Appendix F - Participant Rights
  - a. Updated the timeline to request fair hearings to align with Chapter 4 of the Department of Health's Medicaid Rules
- 5) Appendix I - Financial Accountability
  - a. Revised rate methodology to account for the 2.5% across the board reduction of all provider reimbursement rates.
- 6) Appendix J - Cost Neutrality Demonstration
  - a. Updated to reflect the elimination of services and the 2.5% across the board reduction of all provider reimbursement rates.
- 7) Quality Improvement Strategy - Performance Measure Updates
  - a. A.i.a
  - b. A.i.b
  - c. A.i.c
  - d. A.i.d
  - e. A.i.e
  - f. B.i

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- g. C.i.b
- h. G.ii.b

### **Proposed Changes (Comprehensive Waiver Only)**

- 1) Appendix B - Participant Access and Eligibility
  - a. Clarified that placement on the Comprehensive Waiver is based on:
    - i. Emergency cases approved by the ECC;
    - ii. Participants on the Supports Waiver who choose to be on the Comprehensive Waiver, with selection based on participant needs.
  - b. Decreased the unduplicated and point in time number of participants for waiver years 3, 4, and 5. Decreases will be realized through attrition. A like number of waiver slots will be added to the Supports Waiver.
- 2) Appendix C - Participant Services
  - a. Clarified the exceptions to individual budget amount and waiver cost limits.

### **Proposed Changes (Supports Waiver Only)**

- 1) Appendix A - Waiver Administration and Operation
  - a. Removed waiver administration related to the ICAP assessment
- 2) Appendix B - Participant Access and Eligibility
  - a. Updated waiver cost limit (\$31,424) and child (\$18,457) and adult (\$21,444) IBA limits.
  - b. Increased the unduplicated and point in time number of participants for waiver years 3, 4, and 5. These increases coincide with the decreased number of waiver slots on the Comprehensive Waiver.