

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment 4/4/2023-5/4/2023

Notice of Amendment to the Home and Community Based Services, Section 1915(c), Developmental Disabilities (DD), Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) and In Home Supports (IHS) Waivers

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §441.301(c)(6)(iii) notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, as the single state Medicaid agency, intends to submit an amendment of its Section 1915(c) Developmental Disabilities, Acquired Brain Disorder, and In Home Supports Waivers to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

These amendments reflect:

- Updated language regarding compliance with federal regulations related to Conflict Free Case Management and Direct Billing requirements
- Updated language surrounding the ability to bill via the Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDs) for certain services
- Updated cost of care language

DHHS would like your comments about the changes it is proposing in the draft DD, ABD, and IHS Waiver amendments. After receiving the public's ideas and comments about the proposed changes, DHHS will make final decisions about what changes to make to the DD, ABD, and IHS Waiver amendment applications and submit to CMS. The summary of comments will be posted for public viewing, along with the waiver applications when they are submitted to CMS.

This notice contains links to material developed by the Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) regarding its DD, ABD, and IHS amendments. View the current approved DD, ABD, and IHS waivers at the Home and Community Based Services Waivers webpage at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/disability-care/developmental-services/home-and-community-based-services-waivers>

Opportunity for Public Input

The public is invited to review and comment on these DD, ABD, and IHS draft waiver amendments. The draft amendments will be available for review on April 4, 2023 at Developmental Services' Home and Community Based Services webpage at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/disability-care/developmental-services/1915c-home-and-community-based-services>

A hard copy of the draft waiver amendment documents may also be picked up, with prior notice, at BDS from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday at Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Developmental Services, 105 Pleasant Street, Main Building, Concord, NH 03301-3857. Please contact Aida Ramirez at 603-271-5018 to make arrangements.

Public comments may be submitted from **April 4, 2023 until 12:00 noon on May 4, 2023**. Comments may be submitted by email to:

- DD Waiver: DDWaiver@dhhs.nh.gov
- ABD Waiver: ABDWaiver@dhhs.nh.gov
- IHS Waiver: IHSWaiver@dhhs.nh.gov

By regular mail to: Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Developmental Services, Attn: Aida Ramirez, 105 Pleasant Street (Main Building), Concord, NH 03301-3857

Public Comment Sessions

DHHS will host a public hearing during the public comment period. You may attend in person or via Zoom.

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

DD Waiver: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

ABD Waiver: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

IHS Waiver: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Brown Auditorium
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

To participate by videoconference (Zoom), click on the following link on your laptop, tablet, or phone:

<https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/8452139075?pwd=RS93d1czUjIRMGoydVBSenZEcU8rdz09>

To participate by phone, call in to: 1-305-224-1968

Accommodations

If accommodations are needed for communication access such as interpreters, CART (captioning), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact Aida Ramirez at Aida.V.Ramirez@dhhs.nh.gov or 603-271-5018. At least 5 business days advance notice is requested in order to assure availability; requests made fewer than 5 days prior to the event will attempt to be accommodated but cannot be guaranteed.