GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Department of Health Care Finance



Guidance

Elderly and Persons with Disabilities (EPD) Proposed Waiver Amendment

Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service's new public notice process, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is required to share with the public any significant changes proposed to the EPD Waiver before submission.

This is a mark-up on the waiver amendment application that DHCF plans to submit to CMS on or after June 17th, 2015. Due to the lengthy nature of the changes, there are separate attachments pertaining to various sections of the EPD Waiver Amendment, available at <u>www.dhcf.dc.gov</u>, as follows:

- **1 EPD Amendment--Purpose Brief Summary Appendix A 4 15 15**: This attachment outlines the Purpose of the Amendment, and includes a Brief Summary of the Waiver.
- **2 EPD Appendices A, B, D, F, G, H, and I 4 15 15**: This attachment includes proposed changes (via comment box) to Appendices A, B, D, F, G, H, and I. In addition, it includes the proposed quality measures for Appendices C and E.
- **3 EPD Amendment--Appendix C 4 15 15**: This attachment includes proposed changes to Appendix C (Summary of Services Descriptions).
- **4 EPD Amendments--Appendix E 4 15 15**: This attachment includes proposed changes to Appendix E (Participant Directed Services).
- **5 EPD Amendments—Appendix J 4 15 15**: This attachment includes DHCF's Demonstration of Cost Neutrality.
- **6 HCBS Transition Plan March 17**: District of Columbia's Statewide Transition Plan for the Home and Community Based Services

The proposed amendments may be obtained on the DHCF website at <u>http://dhcf.dc.gov</u>. There are two opportunities to provide comments on the proposed HCBS waiver amendments:

Written comments on the proposed waiver amendments shall be submitted to Mary Devasia, Acting Director, Long Term Care Administration, D.C. Department of Health Care Finance, 441 Fourth Street NW, 9th Floor South, Washington, DC 20001, or via e-mail at <u>dhcfpubliccomments@dc.gov</u>, during the thirty (30) day public comment period, starting from the date this guidance is published.

DHCF will hold a public forum during which written and oral comments on the proposed amendments will be accepted. The public forum will be held at the D.C. Department of Health Care Finance, 441 Fourth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

This guidance and the proposed Waiver Amendment will be published on the DHCF website at http://dhcf.dc.gov. For further information, please contact Trina Dutta, Special Projects Officer, Department of Health Care Finance, (202) 719-6632, or at trina.dutta@dc.gov.