



AMENDMENT TO THE UTAH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY WAIVER, WAIVER FOR INDIVIDUALS AGE 65 OR OLDER, COMMUNITY SUPPORTS WAIVER FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND OTHER RELATED CONDITIONS AND THE PHYSICAL DISABILITIES WAIVER.

June 2013 Summary

Introduction

During the State's annual cost-neutrality demonstration, where the State verifies that aggregate expenditures on the waiver does not exceed the cost of facility-based care, a concern was expressed in how the State explains the number of individuals served on our waiver programs. To best describe how Utah operates the waivers, CMS recommended that in addition to an unduplicated count for each year that the State also implement a "point in time" estimate to clarify how many individuals were intended to be served at any one moment. In conjunction, these two items are able to more accurately reflect the number of people current appropriations can serve as well as to acknowledge the attrition on the waiver programs.

The waivers listed above are currently not due for renewal. The State is proposing this change to the unduplicated counts in each of the four waivers as well as the following additional changes:

Changes from Current Waiver

Acquired Brain Injury Waiver:

- Revision of language in 'Personal Emergency Response Systems' to also include Medication Management systems
- Description on new admissions to the program passed in 2013 legislative session – 85% of any new appropriations is to allow those with critical need onto the waiver; 15% to be used for individuals who are requiring respite only assistance
- Addition of approximately 6-8 new individuals on the program

Aging Waiver:

- Additional clarification on the service description for 'Chore Service' to allow one-time start-up expenses an individual may require
- Revision of language in 'Environmental Accessibility Adaptations' to allow the use of equipment and/or physical adaptations in a setting outside of a participant's residence

Community Supports Waiver:

- Description on new admissions to the program passed in 2013 legislative session – 85% of any new appropriations is to allow those with critical need onto the waiver; 15% to be used for individuals who are requiring respite only assistance

-Addition of approximately 80 new individuals on the program

Physical Disabilities Waiver:

-Support Coordination Liaison Service will be removed from the waiver and provided by DSPD staff as an administrative function

-Revision of language in 'Personal Emergency Response Systems' to also include Medication Management systems

-Addition of approximately 6-8 new individuals on the program

Conclusion

The proposed amendments will result in improvements to each of the waivers.

Questions and comments about the amendment are welcome and can be submitted to:

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