



Medical Assistance Division



2021 MEDICALLY FRAGILE WAIVER RENEWAL
TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 4, 2021

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GOALS

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- To provide information regarding proposed changes to the Medically Fragile Waiver renewal effective July 1, 2021:
 - Waiver Development
 - Proposed Waiver Changes
 - Next Steps

WAIVER DEVELOPMENT

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- November 29, 2018: Stakeholder Engagement FAB meeting: presentation of proposal for stakeholder involvement.
- January 14, 2019 thru February 10, 2020: Stakeholder Engagement FAB meetings review and discussion of services.

PROPOSED WAIVER CHANGES

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ADDITION OF NEW SERVICES

Customized Community Group Supports (CCGS)

CCGS assists with retention or improvement in self-help, socialization and adaptive skills for an eligible recipient.

This includes:

- Participation in congregate community day programs, community centers, adult day habilitation programs and other day support models that offer functional meaningful activities that assist with acquisition.
- Available at least four or more hours per day one or more days per week.

ADDITION OF NEW SERVICES

Individual Directed Goods and Services

Individual directed goods and services are equipment, supplies or services, not otherwise provided through the MFW, Medicaid state plan, or Medicare.

Individual directed goods and services must:

- directly relate to the member's qualifying condition or disability,
- explicitly address a clinical, functional, medical, or habilitative need and
- address a need identified in the participant's ISP and meet specific criteria.

ADDITION OF NEW SERVICES

Specialized Therapies

A participant may include specialized therapies in his or her MFW ISP when the services enhance opportunities to achieve inclusion in community activities and avoid institutionalization.

New Services in this category include:

- Massage therapy
- Limit of \$2000 per ISP year

ADDITION OF NEW SERVICES

Vehicle Modifications services

- Adaptations or alterations and cost of maintenance for the adaptation or alteration, to an automobile or van that is the waiver participant's primary means of transportation in order to accommodate the special needs of the participant. Vehicle adaptations are specified by the service plan as necessary to enable the participant to integrate more fully into the community and to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the participant.
- Limit of \$5000 every 5 years

INCREASE TO INDIVIDUAL BUDGETARY CAPS

Client Type	Current Caps	Proposed Caps
Children	\$25,000.00	\$42,000.00
Adult Level 1	\$70,000.00	\$190,000.00
Adult Level 2	\$60,000.00	\$145,000.00
Adult Level 3	\$48,000.00	\$100,000.00

EXPANSION OF PROVIDERS

Expand the providers under Home Health Aide services to include certified nurse assistants working under a home health aide agency.

EXPANSION OF RESPITE PROVIDERS

Increase access of respite services to participants by expanding provider types to include specialized foster care homes or intensive medical living service providers.

INCREASED LIMITS

Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies increased to \$1200 per ISP year from \$1000 per ISP year.

NEXT STEPS

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SIGNIFICANT DATES

Activity	Date
Tribal Notification	December 18, 2020
Public Comment Period Opens	January 22, 2021
Public Hearing & Public Comment Period Closes	February 22, 2021
Submit Application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	March 15, 2021

- Comments can be submitted in writing or verbally.
- Public notices are available on the HSD website at: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/2017-comment-period-open.aspx>
- Upon submission, CMS has 90 days to review and approve the waiver application

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

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