



HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

Medically Fragile Waiver Renewal 2021

Objectives

- ▶ Discuss the Medically Fragile Waiver Program and the Renewal Process
- ▶ Review the Public Input and Public Hearing Process
- ▶ Receiving your recommendations and feedback

The Medically Fragile Waiver

- ▶ The Medically Fragile Waiver (MFW):
 - Began in 1984
 - Provides services to eligible recipients who
 - were diagnosed with a medically fragile condition prior to the age of 22; and
 - who are diagnosed with a intellectual or developmental disability or delay or who are at risk for an intellectual or developmental disability or delay

The Medically Fragile Waiver

- ▶ The MFW is administered through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Human Services Department (HSD) and the Department of Health (DOH).

Administrative Agency



Medical Assistance Division

Human Services Department (HSD)

Operational Agency



Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD)

Department of Health (DOH)

What is the MFW?

- ▶ The MFW program provides services for individuals with chronic conditions that require frequent and ongoing direct care and medical supervision. The waiver program supports participants to:
 - Live in a safe and comfortable home environment,
 - Increase independence, and
 - Receive necessary home and community-based support services.

Available MFW Services

- ▶ Nurse Case Management
- ▶ Home Health Aide
- ▶ Respite
- ▶ Private Duty Nursing RN/LPN
- ▶ Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
- ▶ Nutritional Counseling
- ▶ Specialized Medical Equipment
- ▶ Behavioral Support Consultation
- ▶ Environmental Modifications

MFW Services

- ▶ MFW services are intended to be combined with other supports including natural and community supports.
- ▶ MFW participants receive an individual budget allotment based upon the individual's age and assessed level of need.

MFW Renewal Public Input Process

- ▶ The state secures public input regarding the MFW renewal using a variety of methods including:
 - The Medically Fragile Family Advisory Board (FAB)
 - The UNM Medically Fragile Case Management Program Professional Advisory Committee
 - The MFW Renewal Steering Committee
 - Statewide Town Hall Meetings July 2019

HSD and DOH use input from these forums to inform proposed changes in the draft waiver renewal that will be published for public comment prior to submission to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

MFW Renewal Public Input Process

- ▶ **Public Comment and Public Hearing Process**
 - **Tribal Notification** – 60 days prior to submission
 - **Public Comment** – 30 days prior to submission
 - **Public Hearing** – following public comment period
- Notification of the public comment period is included in newspapers and sent to interested parties
- All public comment received is given the same consideration as oral testimony provided during the public hearing
- A summary of public comment received and departmental responses will be available on the HSD website.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Approval Process

- ▶ Following the Public Hearing HSD and DOH will make final revisions to the waiver renewal document and submit the renewal to CMS.
- ▶ CMS has 90 days to review the renewal submission.
 - Formal questions from CMS may result in an extended timeline for review.
- ▶ The MFW expires on June 30, 2021. HSD plans to submit the renewal document in May 2020 for a July 1, 2021 effective date.

MFW Rule

- ▶ The MFW Rule, part of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) will be updated to reflect changes made in the renewal process.
- ▶ There will be a public comment period and public hearing for changes to the NMAC.
- ▶ The revised NMAC will be available on the HSD website.

MFW Service Standards

- ▶ The MFW Service Standards will be updated to reflect changes made in the waiver renewal process.
- ▶ There will be a public comment period for changes to the MFW Service Standards.
- ▶ The revised MFW Service Standards will be available on the DOH website.

Areas for Consideration

- ▶ Improvement of Respite Services
- ▶ Consideration of Allowing Certified Medication Aides (CMAs)
- ▶ Consideration of potential new services including:
 - Alternative Therapies,
 - Day Services for Adults, and
 - Residential Services for Adults

Feedback, Recommendations, Questions

- ▶ Your input is valuable
 - Are there changes you would like to see in the waiver?
 - What do you see are areas for improvement?

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Resources

DOH Website

<https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/mfw/>

UNM CDD Medically Fragile Case Management Program Website

<http://cdd.unm.edu/mfcmp/index.html>

Thank you!



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