

Steve Sisolak
Governor



Richard Whitley
Director

State of Nevada

Department of Health and Human Services

APPENDIX K: Emergency Preparedness and Response and COVID-19 Addendum – Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

Presented by: Ellen Frias-Wilcox



5/12/2020

Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.

Background

- In response to the March 13, 2020 United States Presidential proclamation of a national emergency, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services invoked his authority to waive or modify certain requirements of the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Appendix K

The Appendix K - Emergency Preparedness and Response is a tool for the states to request amendments to an approved 1915(c) HCBS Waiver during emergency situations such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

In collaboration with Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), waivers' operating agency, DHCFP submitted the Appendix K and was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) on April 15, 2020 with a retroactive date of January 26, 2020 to January 27, 2021.

1915(c) HCBS Waivers:

Frail Elderly Waiver (FE)

Persons with Physical Disability Waiver (PD)

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) or (ID)





Summary of Changes

1. Increased service limitations

- IDD- from \$100 to \$150 for Non-Medical Transportation and yearly limit of \$5,200 to \$7,800 for Behavioral Health services.

2. Temporarily expanded settings for center-based services to be allowed in a home environment

- IDD- Career Planning, Day Habilitation, Pre-vocational Services and Supported Employment
- FE- Adult Day Care

3. Addition of Services

- IDD- Attendant Care services



Summary of Changes (Con't)

4. Temporarily permit payment for services rendered by a Legally Responsible Individual (LRI)

- IDD - Residential Support Services
- FE/PD - Attendant Care, Chore and Homemaker Services

5. Temporarily waive certification and licensure requirements for provider qualifications

- IDD - Day Habilitation, Pre-Vocational Services, Residential Support Services and Supported Employment
- FE - Chore, Homemaker and Respite services
- PD - Attendant Care, Chore and Respite services

6. Temporarily allow evaluations, re-evaluations and person-centered plans of individuals telephonically

- All Waivers



Summary of Changes (Con't)

7. Extend reporting due dates through time period of Appendix K

- All Waivers

8. Temporarily allow retainer payments to providers when an individual is hospitalized, absent from their home or temporary closure for up to 30 days

- ID - Day Habilitation, Pre-Vocational Services, Residential Support Services and Supported Employment





Questions?



DHCFP Contact Information

Kirsten Coulombe

LTSS Chief

kcoulombe@dhcfp.nv.gov

775-684-3747

Ellen Frias-Wilcox

LTSS Waiver Unit Supervisor

Efrias-wilcox@dhcfp.nv.gov

775-684-3757

Rossana Dagdagan

Social Services Program Specialist

rdagdagan@dhcfp.nv.gov

775-684-3741

Susana Angel

Social Services Program Specialist

sangel@dhcfp.nv.gov

775-684-3608

