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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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



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During the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Nevada Legislative session, Assembly Bill 259 was passed, approving Benefits Counseling as a new waiver service. The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID) is being amended to reflect the new waiver service and will be submitted to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Benefits Counseling services are designed to assist recipients and their families/support network with understanding the potential impact of employment on the recipient's public benefits such as Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Medicare, food/nutrition programs, housing assistance, and other federal, state and local benefits. The service will also provide information and education to the recipient regarding income reporting requirements for public benefits programs, including the Social Security Administration.

The changes can be found at the following link:

<https://dhcfp.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dhcfp.nv.gov/content/Home/features/ID%20Amendment%20to%20a%201915%20c%20Home%20and%20Community-Based%20Services%20Waiver%209.5.24%20Combined.pdf>

To be assured consideration, comments must be received by one of the methods provided below no later than 5:00 PM on October 6, 2024. You may submit comments in one of three ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

**Electronically:** You may email comments to:

hcbs@dhcfp.nv.gov. Write "ID Waiver Amendment – Benefits Counseling" on the subject line.

**Mail:** You may mail written comments to the following address:

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy  
ATTN: LTSS – "ID Waiver Amendment – Benefits Counseling"  
1100 E. William Street, Suite 101  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

**Fax:** You may fax comments to the following number:

(775) 687-8724  
ATTN: LTSS – "ID Waiver Amendment – Benefits Counseling"

All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We will post all the comments received by the close of the comment period, as soon as possible after they have been received, on the following web site: Link to be created.

There will be a link on the page for Public Comments received.