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Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver Renewal Public Input Meeting

December 14, 2022



Welcome and Introductions

Elderly & Disabled Waiver

- The E&D Waiver is a home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver that provides services to beneficiaries who, but for the provision of such services, would require the level of care provided in a nursing facility.
- Eligibility for the Elderly & Disabled Waiver is limited to age 21 years old and older who, but for the provision of such services, would require the level of care provided in a nursing facility.
- It is a statewide program, operated by the Division of Medicaid.
- Beneficiaries of this waiver must qualify for Medicaid as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries or meet the income and resource eligibility requirements for income level up to 300% of the SSI federal benefit rate and meet clinical criteria of the program.

E&D Waiver Covered Services

- Case Management
- Adult Day Care
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Personal Care Services
- Institutional Respite Services
- In-Home Respite
- Expanded Home Health Visits
- Community Transition Services

Workforce Study

- DOM is contracting with the NSPARC at Mississippi State University to complete a comprehensive study of the HCBS direct care workforce in Mississippi.
- The study will look at provider costs, employee recruitment and retention policies, and other best practices.
- Data will be used to inform upcoming rate studies and future HCBS workforce initiatives.

Overview of Renewal Process

- 1915(c) HCBS Waivers must be renewed every 5 years.
- The current E&D Waiver, which was submitted as a streamlined renewal was approved effective July 1, 2022. The State plans to submit a renewal with a July 1, 2023 effective date with the purpose of realigning the 1915 (c) waivers on the same cycle to allow for administrative efficiencies, standardization of language and quality metrics across waivers, and utilizing information from a full HCBS workforce study that will be beneficial in projecting adjustments needed in service delivery.
- Renewal must be submitted to CMS for review at least 90 days prior to the expiration.
- Prior to submission for CMS review, the waiver application must be posted for Public Notice for 30 days.

Public Input Recommendations?



Ways to Provide Input

To provide recommendations or input regarding the upcoming renewal of the Assisted Living Waiver, please contact:

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While public input is welcome at all times, recommendations specific to the upcoming renewal must be received by December 31, 2022.