

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment
1/11/2021-2/12/2021**

Notice of Renewal of Section 1915(c) Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §441.301(c)(6)(iii) notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, as the single state Medicaid agency, intends to submit a renewal of its Section 1915(c) Developmental Disabilities Waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

This renewal is primarily a continuation of the current Developmental Disabilities Waiver and reflects:

- Compliance with recently updated federal regulations
- Service limits for selected services
- Updated Performance Measures
- Additional Covered Services

DHHS would like your comments about the changes it is proposing in the draft 1915 (c) Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver. After receiving the public's ideas and comments about the proposed changes, DHHS will make final decisions about what changes to make to the DD Waiver renewal application and submit to CMS. The summary of comments will be posted for public viewing, along with the waiver application when it is submitted to CMS.

This notice contains links to material developed by the Department regarding its renewal of the 1915(c) Developmental Disabilities Waiver. DD Waiver renewal documents as well as dates, times, and links to opportunities for public input related to this renewal can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/dd-waiver-renewal.htm>

To learn more about 1915(c) waivers, please visit the following link: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/documents/technicalguide05312019.pdf>

Opportunity for Public Input

The public is invited to review and comment on this draft waiver renewal. The draft waiver will be available for review on January 11, 2021 at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/dd-waiver-renewal.htm>. The complete version of the current waiver document is available for public review at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/documents/ddwaiver.pdf>.

A hard copy of the draft waiver renewal document may also be picked up, with prior notice, at BDS from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday at: Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Developmental Services, 105 Pleasant Street, Main Building, Concord, NH 03301-3857.

Public comments may be submitted from **January 11, 2021 until 12:00 noon on February 12, 2021**. Comments may be submitted by email to DLTSSWaiverRenewal@dhhs.nh.gov or by regular mail to: Jessica Kennedy, NH Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Developmental Services, 105 Pleasant Street, Main Building, Concord, NH 03301-3857. To view comments that others have submitted, please visit <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/dd-waiver-renewal.htm>

Public Comment Sessions (Remote option only due to Covid-10)

DHHS will host four (4) video/phone public comment sessions during the 30 day period.

Date: Monday, January 25, 2021

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Participation mode: phone or video

To participate by videoconference (Zoom), click on the following link on your laptop, tablet, or phone: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/91493495130>

To participate by phone, call in to: 1 301 715 8592

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021

Time: 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Participation mode: phone or video

To participate by videoconference (Zoom), click on the following link on your laptop, tablet, or phone: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/99689231846>

To participate by phone, call in to: 1 312 626 6799

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Participation mode: phone or video

To participate by videoconference (Zoom), click on the following link on your laptop, tablet, or phone: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/98273906699>

To participate by phone, call in to: 1 312 626 6799

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Participation mode: phone or video

To participate by videoconference (Zoom), click on the following link on your laptop, tablet, or phone: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/96894715096>

To participate by phone, call in to: 1 646 876 9923

Accommodations

If accommodations are needed for communication access such as interpreters, CART (captioning), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact Linda Bimbo at Linda.Bimbo@unh.edu or 603-228-2084 as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to accommodate needs identified with advance notice.

Additional Information

All information regarding the **Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver** renewal process is on the DHHS web site at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/> under "Quick Links". BDS will update this website throughout the waiver renewal process.

The NH Bureau of Developmental Services Page is <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/index.htm>