



Opportunity for Public Input: HCBS Waiver Amendments

On February 12, the Bureau of Disabilities Services (BDS) announced the opening of the public comment period for proposed amendments to the Community Integration and Habilitation, Family Supports, Health and Wellness, Traumatic Brain Injury, and 1915 b(4) waivers.

Public comments can be submitted now through March 18th.

The proposed waiver amendments are available [here](#).

Public comments can be submitted here: ddrswaivernoticecomment@fssa.in.gov.

A special *Ask The Arc* webinar discusses the proposed changes. You can watch the presentation with slides here: [Proposed Waiver Amendments Presentation](#).

You can watch the Q&A portion of the webinar [here](#).

[Click here](#) to view slides shared during the presentation.

Summary of Proposed Changes

The following information shares some, but not all, of the proposed amendments to the FS, CIH, H&W, and TBI waivers.

Paid Caregiver Limits

- Reduced reimbursement rate for paid caregivers
- Legally Responsible Individuals (parents of a minor child and spouses) paid up to 40 hours per week for *all* LRIs combined
- Relatives and legal guardians paid up to 40 hours per week for *all* services combined per waiver participant
- There are additional proposed changes for paid caregivers available in the [slide presentation](#)

Consistency across waivers

- Service definitions aligned across all waivers. Currently, essentially the same service is called different things on different waivers.
- Documentation will focus on outcomes and therapeutic benefit

Case management agencies (CMOs)

- The number of CMOs will be limited, and CMOs will be consistent across all four waivers
- Allows for regional CMOs, with at least two in each region
- If an individual's CMO is not selected to continue services, the individual will have three months to select a new CMO. If they do not choose a CMO, they will be auto-assigned.
- Remember, an individual can change their CMO, or their case manager, at any time for any reason

Case management duties & accountability

- Ensure timely access to case management, waiver services, and completion of duties
- Limit caseloads to an average of 47 cases per case manager
- Ensure case managers live in the county they serve or within 60 miles or 60 minutes of the individuals they serve