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MEMORANDUM
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TO: ADMH DDD Providers and Stakeholders

FROM: Camille Cumuze, ADMH-DDD Associate Commissioner

DATE: September 23, 2026

RE: Consolidated HCBS Waiver Update

ADMH would like to take the opportunity to clarify a few matters as we work toward developing a consolidated HCBS waiver for all individuals with ID/DD in Alabama. We have become aware of some stakeholder concerns, and we wish to provide an update regarding a few of the major initiatives in this project.

First, regarding support coordination/targeted case management, ADMH is seeking to provide choice of support coordination to the individuals we serve. This is an important step in alignment with general HCBS policy, and an effort to improve satisfaction of waiver participants and their loved ones.

There are several methods by which choice of support coordination could be provided in Alabama, each of which are currently under consideration:

- At launch of the consolidated waiver, support coordination becomes a waiver service for the consolidated waiver, ID, and LAH, and individuals could then have choice between their county 310 Board and ADMH support coordination staff. In this option, targeted case management remains the billing methodology for any services prior to waiver enrollment.
- At launch of the consolidated waiver, support coordination becomes a waiver service for the consolidated waiver, ID, and LAH, giving individuals the choice of 310 Boards across county lines. Again, targeted case management remains the billing methodology prior to waiver enrollment.
- For ID, LAH, and new consolidated waiver, support coordination remains billed as targeted case management, and we provide choice by allowing 310 Boards to work across county lines.

These are the options being formally considered by ADMH and the waiver workgroup at this time. ADMH DDD does not intend to seek out of state support coordination providers at this time. **Nothing definitive has been determined about choice in support coordination at this stage of waiver development.** In addition, I intend to request a meeting with the 310 Association in the coming weeks to discuss support coordination in CWP Counties and assess the interest for providing CWP Support Coordination, as the original demonstration comes to a close and we work toward the consolidated waiver.



Second, we would like to clarify the purpose and timing of the Community Waiver Program (CWP) extension. As you are aware, the CWP waiver as approved expires in the fall of 2026. The CWP is a combination of two waiver authorities, 1115 and 1915c. The 1115 portion expires on 9/30/26, and the 1915c expires in late October. In our work with Alabama Medicaid and CMS, it was determined that in order to continue services for individuals currently on the CWP waiver with no disruption, both waiver authorities should be temporarily extended using the process as follows:

The 1115 waiver authority is extended. **Alabama will end the 1115 authority by notifying CMS and following termination requirements when the new consolidated waiver is approved.** Extension of the 1115 is simply a requirement to avoid service disruption while the new waiver is drafted. CWP waiver participants will be the first to roll over to the Consolidated Waiver.

The 1915c portion of the CWP will be amended to reduce slot count to accurately depict current availability of slots and funding. This was a directive from CMS to ADMH and AMA. This amended version will then go on temporary, 90-day extensions, until the Consolidated Waiver is approved.

Please be advised that the ID and LAH waivers were recently renewed, and as such, no current action is required to continue services for waiver participants enrolled on those waivers. The Waiver Workgroup will continue to meet regularly in effort to keep stakeholders advised on progress and to allow stakeholder involvement and input.

Finally, ADMH DDD will be circulating a Request for Proposal for the operation of the Intermediate Care Facility in the B-wing of the Mary Starke Harper Center in Tuscaloosa, AL. This RFP will be circulated to providers within the State of Alabama. Interested providers should look for the RFP later this fall.

Your participation and partnership are always appreciated as we work together to improve services for the ID/DD population in the State of Alabama.

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