

Waiver Amendments “Cheat Sheet”

Below is an overview of the changes and new services being added to each of the DSS Waivers.

Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Elders

- **APPENDIX C:** Expanding the definition of assistive technology to reference remote equipment and associated requirements for internet access.
- **APPENDIX C:** New service titled “Training and Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers Supporting Participants” for all waivers referenced above. This service is an inter-professional model delivered through a structured number of visits by a team comprised of a Care of Persons with Dementia in their Environments (COPE) certified occupational therapist (OT) and a COPE certified registered nurse (RN) to a participant as defined in the participant’s person-centered plan. The service may include assessment and the development of a home treatment/support/action plan for this service, training and technical assistance to carry out the plan and monitoring of the individual and implementation of the service action plan. For participants without a dementia diagnosis, the service is referred to as “Confident Caregiver.”
- **APPENDIX C:** New service titled “Participant Training and Engagement to Support Goal Attainment and Independence.” This service implements services to the member utilizing the Community Aging in Place, Advancing Better Living for Elders (CAPABLE) program model. The CAPABLE program is a set of highly individualized, person-centered services that use the strengths of the participant to improve her/his safety and independence. The CAPABLE program services engage participants to develop action plans with the aim of achieving goals related to increasing functional independence, improving safety, decreasing depression, and improving motivation as defined in the person-centered plan.
- **APPENDIX C:** Adding Remote Support as a new service. This service includes the provision of supports by staff at a remote location who are engaged with the individual through technology/devices with the capability for live two-way communication. Individual interaction with the staff person may be scheduled, on-demand, or in response to an alert from a device in the remote support equipment system. Associated changes include expanding the list of authorized providers of PCA services to include adult day providers and remote support providers, adding certified community hubs as authorized provider types, and the addition of new rates for unscheduled back-up PCA services and remote live PCA services.
- **APPENDIX C:** Adding to the definition of service Mental health Counseling- Can now be provided virtually not telephonically
- **APPENDIX C:** Adult day programs to provide virtual services via video communication, including virtual assessments, and at least two meals per day, when a

client is unable to attend the center in person. The absence may be due to symptoms of contagious illness or recovery from such; exacerbation of a chronic condition; or inclement weather. The adult day center must, at a minimum, provide a documented wellness call, and delivery of two meals per day.

- **APPENDIX I 2 a -Adding Value based Payments**

Personal Care Assistance Waiver

- **APPENDIX C:** New service: “Training and Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers Supporting Participants” will be added to the ABI 2 waiver. This service is an inter-professional model delivered through a structured number of visits by a team comprised of a Care of Persons with Dementia in their Environments (COPE) certified occupational therapist (OT) and a COPE certified registered nurse (RN) For participants without a dementia diagnosis, the service is referred to as “Confident Caregiver.”
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- **APPENDIX I a2:** Value based payments will be added to this waiver.

Acquired Brain Injury Waiver-

- **APPENDIX D-2** Allow virtual assessments and reassessments, when clinically appropriate and with consent of the participant, in instances of contagious illness or recovery from illness; exacerbation of a chronic condition; or inclement weather
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- **APPENDIX I a:** Value based payments will be added to this waiver.
- **APPENDIX C:** Adding LCSW as a provider type under Cognitive Behavioral Programs.

Acquired Brain Injury Waiver II

- **APPENDIX D-2** Allow virtual assessments and reassessments, when clinically appropriate and with consent of the participant, in instances of contagious or recovery from such illness; exacerbation of a chronic condition; or inclement weather.
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Mental Health Waiver

- **APPENDIX C-5-** Residential Care Homes are being added as setting in which mental health waiver services can be delivered.
- **APPENDIX C:** The definition of mental health counseling is being expanded to include LMSW, LPC-A and LMFT
- **APPENDIX C:** The face-to-face requirement for CSP, RA, Peer Support, and Mental Health Counseling services is being waived in situations which it is unsafe to enter the home temporarily (i.e., contagious illness, infestation, etc).
- **APPENDIX I 2a:** Value based payments are being added to this waiver

Katie Beckett Waiver

- **APPENDIX C-** New service titled “Training and Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers Supporting Participants” will be added to the Katie Beckett Waiver. This service is an inter-professional model delivered through a structured number of visits by a team comprised of a Care of Persons with Dementia in their Environments (COPE) certified occupational therapist (OT) and a COPE certified registered nurse (RN) to a participant as defined in the participant’s person-centered plan. The service may include assessment and the development of a home treatment/support/action plan for this service, training and technical assistance to carry out the plan and monitoring of the individual and implementation of the service action plan. For participants without a dementia diagnosis, the service is referred to as “Confident Caregiver.”
- **APPENDIX I 2a-**Value based payments will also be added to this waiver.

Autism Waiver

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- **Appendix C:** Adding Environmental Modifications as a service. Environmental Modifications are those physical adaptations to the private residence of the participant or the participant’s family, required by the participant’s service plan, that are necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the participant or that enable the participant to function with greater independence in the home. Such adaptations include the installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening of doorways, modification of bathroom facilities, or the installation of specialized electric and plumbing systems that are necessary to accommodate the medical equipment and supplies. Excluded are those adaptations or improvements to the home that are of general

utility and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant. Adaptations that add to the total square footage of the home are excluded from this benefit except when necessary to complete an adaptation (e.g., in order to improve entrance/egress to a residence or to configure a bathroom to accommodate a wheelchair). All services must be provided in accordance with applicable state or local building codes.

- **APPENDIX I 2a** - Value based payments will be added to this waiver