

**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY WAIVER REPORTS**  
**May 2016**

WAIVER RENEWALS	PURPOSE	SUBMITTED TO CMS	APPROVED	COMMENTS
Community Options Waiver	Waiver Renewal			<p>Received response about rate methodology from CMS in Nov 2015. CMS required a study documenting the development and basis for the waiver rates demonstrating that the rates are economic and efficient by May 2016</p> <p>Draft CO rate study published on website 03/18/16.</p> <p>For Community Options, the renewal is due 6/30/16, <b>submission was 04/29/16</b></p> <p>Proposed renewal application went out out for public comment on 4/1/16 for 30 days before submission.</p> <p>Published on website 03/18/16</p> <p>Sent to UIO 03/18/16</p> <p>Draft sent to stakeholders 03/14/16, 03/22/16.</p> <p>Notice published in the newspaper 03/22/16</p> <p>Stakeholder meeting 03/29/16</p> <p>Comments responded to on 04/20/16</p> <p>UIO completed review 04/25/2016</p>
HCBS Community Setting Draft Transition Plan	To come into compliance with CMS Final Rule by 2019	March 12, 2015		<p>Submitted to CMS March 12, 2015. CMS provided feedback in November 2015. On 03/02/16, MD requested until 06/30/16 to complete the systematic review and proposed to submit the draft revision to CMS on 07/31/16.</p> <p>Updates published to website on March 28 2016.</p> <p>DDA stakeholder meeting was 04/08/16, other stakeholder meeting was 04/12/16</p> <p>Transition plan must be included with all waiver renewal applications.</p>
Brain Injury Waiver	Waiver Renewal			<p><b>BI waiver renewal due to CMS 6/1/16. Will be submitted by 05/20/16</b></p> <p>Stakeholder meeting 03/23/16, documents sent to stakeholders</p> <p>Public Notice MD Register April 1, 2016.</p> <p>Sent to UIO 04/01/16, UIO response received 04/18/16</p> <p>Comments received 04/19/16, 04/22/16</p> <p>Responded to comments on 05/05/16</p>

Medical Day Care	Waiver Renewal			<p>MDCSW waiver renewal due to CMS 6/1/16. Will be submitted by 05/20/16</p> <p>Stakeholder meeting 03/21/16, documents sent to stakeholders</p> <p>Public Notice MD Register April 1, 2016.</p> <p>Sent to UIO 04/01/16, UIO response received 04/18/16</p>
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WAIVER AMENDMENTS	PURPOSE	SUBMITTED TO CMS	APPROVED	COMMENTS
Community Pathways Waiver	The department proposes to: (1) enhance self-directed service model (2) update program capacity (3) add new reserve waiver capacity (4) update projected service utilization and cost base (5) remove requirement for active treatment in order to be eligible (6) change personal supports unit of service from an hour to 15 minute and (7) update terminology and language			<p>Public comments closed January 31, 2016.</p> <p>UIO completed review on 03/23/16</p> <p>DHMH submitted the amendment the week of March 28 2016 with a requested effective date of 7/1/16</p> <p>CMS responded with comments on 04/01/16</p> <p>Resubmitted 04/07/16, CMS responded with comments 05/05/16</p>
1915(b) amendment	The department proposes to: Limit providers of transition services to Supports Planning Agencies	Jan 14, 2016		<p>CFC: On 01/20/16, CMS requested the effective date be changed to 04/01/16. Amendment was resubmitted with an effective date of 04/01/16 on 01/27/16. CMS sent informal questions on 02/14/16; MD responded on 03/11/16.</p> <p>Approved 04/01/16</p> <p>CO: Amendment for CO was reviewed by UIO on 04/08/16</p> <p>Submitted to CMS on 04/08/16. CMS acknowledged on 04/11/16 and is reviewing. CMS responded with comments on 05/11/16</p>
Autism Waiver	Submitted renewal application. Renewal was approved but CMS is requiring a rate study.			<p>On April 1, 2016, submitted to CMS a study documenting the development and basis for the waiver rates demonstrating that the rates are economic and efficient.</p> <p>Rate Study submitted to CMS 04/01/16</p> <p>Published on the website on 04/04/16</p> <p>CMS responded with questions. Responded to CMS on 05/05/16</p> <p>04/15/16- Published notice of amendment in MD Register</p> <p>Provider questions received 04/19/16 Follow up call with Hilltop 04/19/16. Received comments from provider on 05/12/16.</p>

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