



STATE OF HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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December 13, 2017

Ms. Joelene K. Lono, Executive Director  
Ke Ola Mamo  
Native Hawaiian  
Health Care System-Oahu  
1505 Dillingham Boulevard, Room 205  
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Dear Ms. Lono:

**RE: AMENDMENT TO THE HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WAIVER FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 1915 (c) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**

Pursuant to the requirement in Section 1902(a)(73) of the Social Security Act, a tribal consultation is being solicited by the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division for the proposed amendments described below related to the Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD Waiver) authorized under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act:

1. Expand individual choice and control over waiver resources:
  - a. Phase-in Supports Budgets, enabling individuals 18 years and older to receive a prospective budget that reflects their support needs and empowers them to make decisions about how to use their budget to access the supports that best meet their unique circumstances.
  - b. Describe Supports Budgets are based on the individuals' level of support needs and type of setting where the individual resides, as well as the island where the individual lives.

- c. Specify services that are subject to the Supports Budget:
    - Adult Day Health
    - Community Learning Services – Group
    - Community Learning Services – Individual
    - Personal Assistance/Habilitation (not applicable for individuals living in licensed or certified settings)
    - Chore (not applicable for individuals living in licensed or certified settings)
    - Respite (only applicable for individuals living in a family home)
  - d. All other services may be authorized in addition to the limit established by the individual's Supports Budget.
2. Expand services to include:
- a. **Private Duty Nursing (PDN)** is a new service that provides nursing on an ongoing basis for those individuals with complex needs and who also participate in at least one habilitative waiver service;
  - b. Phase-out Skilled Nursing by June 30, 2019, with all individuals currently receiving Skilled Nursing transitioned to supports that best meet their needs;
  - c. Addition of repairs to service definition of Vehicular Modifications;
  - d. Additional provider types that are permitted to provide Respite services;
  - e. Additional language to Community Learning Services to describe how children and adolescents use the service and use of this service for supports at the individual's job or volunteer site; and
  - f. Addition of Goods and Services to the responsibility of the Financial Management Services in Consumer Direction to purchase consumer-directed non-medical transportation services from vendors.
3. Revise and establish payment rates and related items to include:
- a. New rate for Private Duty Nursing;
  - b. New rate for Respite provided by a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse; and
  - c. Increase per trip rate for Non-Medical Transportation to \$6.00.
4. Revise service limits:
- a. Environmental Accessibility Adaptations exclusion of additional square footage is defined;
  - b. Add exception process to review requests for Adult Day Health and Community Learning Services – Group that exceed 1560 hours annually.

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5. Housekeeping changes:
  - a. Clarify service definition for Adult Day Health;
  - b. Expand the eligibility criteria to include criteria for blind or disabled individuals under section 1634(c) of the Social Security Act; and
  - c. Clarify service definition for Assistive Technology.

Please provide your written comments by January 18, 2018, to the:

Department of Human Services  
Med-QUEST Division  
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Should you have any questions or desire a meeting, please feel free to call Ms. Aileen Joy C. Befitel at 692-8078 or email her at [abefitel@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:abefitel@dhs.hawaii.gov).

Thank you for your efforts, support, and advocacy for the American Indian and Alaska Native communities and your continuing support of our Medicaid programs.

Sincerely,



Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD  
Med-QUEST Division Administrator