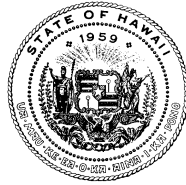


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Dear I/DD Waiver Participants Receiving ADH, Families/Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know about important and exciting changes to Adult Day Health (ADH). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) just approved these changes in the I/DD Waiver because they will increase opportunities for Waiver participants to participate fully in the community.

These are some of the changes:

**Waiver participants will have more flexibility and choice in services.**

- One of the most important changes in the Waiver is a new service available to participants who also receive ADH. The new service is called **Community Learning Service-group (CLS-group)**. Community outings have been happening as part of the day in the ADHs. Now, people who choose CLS-group will be supported in smaller groups of no more than three people with one staff. Participants will be able to explore, engage, and have an active role in the community. More information on CLS-group will be coming soon.
- There will also be other changes to ADH. Currently, ADH is a waiver service where participants go to a day program at a single location in either half-day (3 hours) or full-day (6 hours) blocks of time. ADH will not be limited to a half day or a full-day
  - This change will enable participants to choose to have different types of services throughout the day to have opportunities in the community, such as Discovery & Career Planning, CLS-group and Employment services.
- For each participant, the changes to ADH and CLS-group will happen at a different time during the year because the change will be made through the participant's annual Individualized Service Plan (ISP).
- Transportation will continue to be provided by the ADH program.

**ADHs will no longer be required to provide lunch, but some may continue to provide lunch for a reasonable cost.**

- In order to support flexibility when participants choose to be in the community by using CLS-group, ADH providers are no longer required to provide lunch. This will allow participants to have more options with their time during the day, and not have to return to the ADH to have lunch. Participants can bring a nutritious home lunch that they can eat anywhere.
- PLEASE NOTE: This change to ADHs that no longer requires providers to provide lunches will start on July 1, 2017 for everyone attending ADHs.
- Some ADH providers may offer participants lunch at a reasonable cost. Please check with the ADH provider to find out if they will be offering lunch. Providers cannot say participants have to buy a lunch from them to attend the program.

**The maximum staffing ratios at ADH programs will change to 1:6 instead of the current ratio of 1:4.**

- This change in staffing ratio at the program will make more staff available to provide support to participants who are using CLS-group.
- The 1:6 staffing ratio is the same as ADH programs across the country. DDD will always look at the quality services that every participant receives.
- This change will start to happen in July 2017 and continue to be implemented throughout the year.

Thank you very much for letting us share this important information with you. The new Waiver services will provide many more choices for Waiver participants. There will be more opportunities to pursue the things that are important to people and open more possibilities.

If you have any questions, please email us at [doh.dddcmb@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:doh.dddcmb@doh.hawaii.gov) or contact your Case Manager.

Sincerely,



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