

Summary of Public Comments for The Amendment #1 of the 1915(C) Medicaid Waiver for Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD Waiver)

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On September 24, 2021, prior to the formal public input process that began on October 1, 2021, DHS/MQD and DOH/DDD conducted a public information session to explain the proposed changes to the waiver. The virtual session was held for Oahu and the neighbor islands (Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui County). Participants and families were notified of the public information session and how to provide input (mail and email comments). A copy of the entire waiver application was available to participants and families via the website. All providers received an email with the same information. In compliance with federal requirements for a minimum of thirty (30) days for public input, interested members of the public were given forty-five (45) days to submit written comments through November 15, 2021. Following is the summary of all comments received from one (1) organization.

- 1. One commenter submitted input on the cost breakdown of vehicle modifications including the cost of updated models, extended service plan coverage, and shipping. The comment expressed concern that the Waiver Standards do not change for five (5) years and does not allow for changes to be made to the maximum amount allowed to be used for a vehicle modification. The fixed cost may not reflect the actual cost of the service if prices fluctuate.*

STATE RESPONSE:

The state appreciates the feedback. This amendment adds an exception review that enables the State to consider vehicle modifications that exceed the vehicle modification limit of \$36,000.00 and removes the sub-limit of \$6,000 for shipping costs. This change addresses the concerns expressed by the provider by allowing the state to approve the cost of vehicle modifications based on the actual cost of the service. The Waiver Standards will be updated to reflect changes within each approved Waiver Amendment.

CHANGE TO WAIVER:

None