Include the following in this section:

This waiver amendment includes the following additions and revisions:

In Appendix B, the activities associated with annual waiver eligibility re-evaluations are updated to add telehealth to re-evaluation interviews to give participants and families the choice to participate in-person or by telehealth.

In Appendix C, several services were revised to add greater flexibility and choice for participants, as well as clarifying the services that include nurse delegated activities.

- <u>Discovery and Career Planning (DCP)</u> added telehealth to give participants the choice to receive services in-person or by telehealth. Requirements for the use of telehealth by the provider have been added.
- <u>Personal Assistance/Habilitation (PAB)</u> removed the limit of one staff person to deliver out-of-state PAB within their approved Individualized Service Plan (ISP). This change provides flexibility for participants in the delivery of services while out-of-state.
- Respite included community settings as a location where the service can be delivered. This enables participants to have greater flexibility for the locations where they want to receive Respite.
- <u>Community Learning Services (CLS)</u> included the provision of CLS while the participant is out-of-state and specifies the same limits in place for PAB. In the current waiver, participants are limited to only using PAB while out-of-state. The change provides flexibility for participants in the delivery of services while out-of-state.
- <u>Training and Consultation (T&C)</u> clarified who can receive T&C: participants, families, caregivers, support staff, and service supervisors; and removed training for Vehicle Modifications because it is covered within the service description for Vehicle Modifications.
- <u>Vehicle Modifications (VM)</u> expanded the professionals that may complete the functional assessment of need to include assessments completed by other clinicians working within the scope of their license.
- Waiver Emergency Services changed the following:
 - Crisis Mobile Outreach (CMO) revised the requirement for a minimum of 50% face-to-face interaction to be face-to-face for a portion of the CMO visit to facilitate an individualized approach to meet the participant's need;
 - O Provider qualifications for the direct support workers changed from a bachelor's degree to high school diploma or equivalent and reduced the experience required to one (1) year to expand the potential qualified workforce.
- General Change As part of the rate increases to fully implement the 2020 rate study, clarification was added to several waiver services related to the provision of nursing for the purpose of developing, overseeing, training, and documenting plans for nurse delegated tasks performed during delivery of the service, as needed:
 - Nursing is included in Adult Day Health (ADH) and Residential Habilitation (ResHab), as well as in provider-delivered Community Learning Services (CLS), Personal Assistance/Habilitation (PAB), and Respite.
 - Nursing is provided through Training & Consultation as a separate service for Community Navigator, Discovery & Career Planning (DCP), and Individual Employment Supports (IES), as well as Consumer-Directed CLS, PAB, and Respite;
- <u>Individual Supports Budgets</u> revised the ranges to correspond with the increased service rates to ensure participants receive the same amount of authorized services.

In Appendix D, the process for provision of waiver services on an emergency basis was described. Emergency basis was defined as situations where additional service is needed to address a participant's immediate health and safety needs, hospitalization, or imminent risk of more restrictive placement.

In Appendix G, provider monitoring was expanded to include remote reviews in addition to in-person reviews.

In Appendix I, the process for fiscal accountability of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) was added. Edits were made through Appendix I to update information about the 2020 rate study, describe cost settlement interim rates for Waiver Emergency Services, clarify processes and improve readability.

In Appendix J, updated the estimates for the cost of waiver services for waiver years 3-5 to correspond with the increases in service rates.