



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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Judy Mohr Peterson, Medicaid Director  
Department of Human Services  
601 Kamokila Boulevard  
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Kapolei, HI 96707

RE: Hawai'i HCB Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
HI 0013.R08.12 amendment

Dear Director Mohr Peterson:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving your request to amend the HCB Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages. The CMS Control Number for the amendment is HI 0013.R08.12. Please use this number in future correspondence relevant to this waiver action.

With this amendment, the state is increasing the rate for the following waiver services based on the provider rate study conducted in 2024 and an increase in the Hawai'i minimum wage: Personal Assistance/Habilitation, Residential Habilitation, Additional Residential Supports, Adult Day Health, Community Learning Service, Community Navigator, Discovery and Career Planning, Individual Employment Supports, Respite, Chore, Non-Medical Transportation, Private Duty Nursing, and Training and Consultation. Also, the ranges within Individual Supports Budgets are revised to correspond with the increased service rates. Lastly, the maximum cost for a Vehicle Modification is increased. The effective date of the amendment is January 1, 2026.

The waiver continues to be cost-neutral. The average per capita cost of waiver services estimates (Appendix J.1) have been approved.

This approval is subject to your agreement to serve no more individuals than the total number of unduplicated participants indicated in Appendix J.2 of the waiver. If the state wishes to serve more individuals or make any other alterations to this waiver, an amendment must be submitted for approval.

It is important to note that CMS approval of this waiver amendment solely addresses the state's compliance with the applicable Medicaid authorities. CMS approval does not address the state's

independent and separate obligations under federal laws including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, or the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision. Guidance from the Department of Justice concerning compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Olmstead decision is available at [http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/q&a\\_olmstead.htm](http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/q&a_olmstead.htm).

CMS reminds the state that the state must have an approved spending plan in order to use the money realized from section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Approval of this action does not constitute approval of the state's spending plan.

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at (410) 786-7561. You may also contact Lisa Amaro-Rife at [Lisa.Amaro-Rife@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Lisa.Amaro-Rife@cms.hhs.gov) or (214) 767-2506.

Sincerely,

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