

HOPE Waiver Amendment

Summary of Changes

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) is committed to ensuring that South Dakotans can live and receive services in the most integrated setting according to the individual's preferences and needs. In an effort to make progress towards this initiative, LTSS is submitting an amendment to the Home and Community-Based Options and Person Centered Excellence (HOPE) Waiver which serves South Dakotans age 65 and older as well as individuals over the age of 18 who have a qualifying disability. The purpose of this amendment is to expand and enhance home and community-based services for individuals eligible for the HOPE Waiver and includes the following changes:

- Addition of community transition services as an available service for HOPE waiver participants. Community transition services assist eligible waiver participants with planning successful transition to a community setting and payment of one-time expenses necessary to transition. A community transition case manager will help locate housing and services for the individual to ensure they can successfully transition.
- Addition of structured family caregiving as an available service for HOPE waiver participants. Structured family caregiving provides an opportunity for up to two HOPE waiver participants to reside with family in a small home setting and get needed support.
- Addition of community living as an available service for HOPE waiver participants. Community living homes provide an opportunity for up to four HOPE waiver participants to reside with other adults in a small, licensed home setting and get needed support.
- Update to the nutritional supplements definition to expand access to HOPE waiver participants who have a need for nutritional supplements as prescribed by a physician.

The HOPE Waiver amendment and corresponding PowerPoint presentation are available online at <http://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/hearings.aspx> or by contacting the Division of Long Term Services and Supports at 605-773-3656 to request a printed copy.

The proposed HOPE waiver is available for public comment for 30 days beginning January 22, 2018 through February 21, 2018. DHS appreciates your questions and comments. Comments may be made by e-mail to hcbs@state.sd.us, by phone at 605-773-3656, or by mail to:

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