



Department of Human Services

Public Comment Notice

The proposed CHOICES Waiver operated by the Division of Developmental Disabilities is available for public comment for 30 days from January 9th 2023 to February 8th 2023.

WHAT IS CHOICES WAIVER?

The CHOICES Waiver is due for renewal on March 1, 2022 with an anticipated effective date of June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2028. The purpose of the CHOICES Waiver is to provide home and community-based services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the least restrictive environment available, to assist them in leading healthy, independent, and productive lives to the fullest extent possible. Services are based on an assessed need and may include, but are not limited to, career exploration, case management, day services, group supported employment, individual supported employment, residential habilitation, shared living, assistive technology, and specialized medical equipment and drugs.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE WAIVER RENEWAL?

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in South Dakota that are currently eligible or become eligible for the CHOICES Waiver.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

The changes that have been included in the Waiver Renewal include:

- Revised the reimbursement methodology in appendix I to align with the fee-for-service methodology outlined in the 2021 rate study
- Revised service definitions for the following services: Residential Habilitation, Day Services, Career Exploration, Individual Support Employment, and Medical Equipment & Drugs to align with the fee-for-service methodology outlined in the 2021 rate study
- Nursing and Other Medically Related Services- Speech, Hearing & Language were removed as standalone services to align with the fee-for-service methodology outlined in the 2021 rate study
- Added the following services: Assistive Technology, Group Supported Employment, Group Supported Employment- Enclave, Shared Living Residential Habilitation
- Clarified the DHS/DDD response to allegations of ANE;
- Revised the waiver projections for the 5-year cycle of this waiver
- Updated the ICAP and LOC assessment process
- Adjusted certain Performance Measures as suggested by CMS during the Evidence Report process.

WHERE CAN I LOOK AT THE WAIVER RENEWAL?

The Waiver Renewal can be viewed online at <https://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/hearings> and <https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/default.aspx>. Printed copies may be requested by contacting the Division of Developmental Disabilities at (605) 773-3438.

HOW DO I MAKE A COMMENT?

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4) PUBLIC HEARING:

January 19th, 2023: 11:00am-12:00 PM (CST)

• Dial In: 1-605-679-7263

• Conference Code: 962 780 018