

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**  
**NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST**  
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MEDI-CAL HOME AND  
COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) 1915(c) WAIVER FOR  
THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requests input from beneficiaries, providers, and other interested stakeholders concerning a proposed amendment to the Medi-Cal 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for the Developmentally Disabled (HCBS-DD Waiver), which is attached.

Under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act), Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code section 4500 et seq., people with developmental disabilities, as defined in W&I Code section 4512(a), are eligible to receive services and supports that meet their individual needs and choices. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) administers the Lanterman Act.

DHCS administers the HCBS-DD Waiver. DDS ensures, under the oversight of DHCS (the State Medicaid agency), that the HCBS-DD Waiver is implemented by regional centers in accordance with Medicaid law and the State's approved Waiver application. Regional centers coordinate, provide, arrange or purchase the services and supports available under the HCBS-DD Waiver. Information about the HCBS-DD Waiver can be found at [www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/hcbs/](http://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/hcbs/)

This amendment proposes to add Coordinated Family Supports (CFS) to the HCBS-DD Waiver. CFS is a service that supports adults to continue living in the family home to maximize their independence by helping them navigate existing services and supports. CFS engages with individuals and providers to facilitate access to services and supports by:

- Coordinating/developing training to ensure consistency across providers specific to the unique needs of the individual.
- Assisting the individual in understanding, scheduling, and utilizing services and supports.
- Developing options to meet the identified immediate and long-term needs and access community services and supports specified in the Individual Program Plan.

The aggregate fiscal impact of this amendment is estimated to be \$101,629,200 in waiver years one through five. All proposed HCBS-DD Waiver amendments must be approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in order to be effective.

## **Public Review and Comments**

DHCS plans to submit the proposed waiver amendment to CMS by September 1, 2023 for a proposed effective date of December 1, 2023.

A copy of the proposed waiver amendment will be posted on July 28, 2023, at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/hcbs/> . You may also request a copy of the proposed amendment by writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below, or by visiting your local regional center.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

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Email [Federal.Programs@dds.ca.gov](mailto:Federal.Programs@dds.ca.gov)

Please indicate 'HCBS Waiver' in the subject line or message.

To be assured consideration prior to submission of the waiver amendment to CMS, comments must be received no later than August 28, 2023. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after August 28, 2023, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of the HCBS-DD waiver amendment to CMS.