



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

TO: DBHDD Stakeholders, Partners, and Advocates

FROM: Caylee Noggle, Commissioner, Department of Community Health and
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RE: Comprehensive Supports Waiver Renewal (COMP) 1915(c)

As an important stakeholder of the Department of Community Health (DCH) and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), this memo seeks to keep you informed regarding changes to Georgia's current Comprehensive Supports (COMP) 1915(c) waiver application.

As you are aware, in December 2020, DCH submitted a Waiver Renewal application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to renew its partnership with DBHDD under a five-year agreement to provide community-based services through the COMP Waiver Program. The renewal application proposed changes, which included daily limits for Skilled Nursing and Additional Staffing services. The limits were designed to allow DBHDD to serve as many individuals as possible by admitting eligible applicants who are waiting on the planning list for waiver services.

However, after discussion with community stakeholders, the COMP provider network, individuals and their families, and in consideration of the availability of American Rescue Plan Act funds, the State of Georgia has rescinded the proposal to set daily maximum caps on Skilled Nursing Services and Additional Staffing Services.

Georgia's revised COMP waiver renewal application was resubmitted November 2021 and is currently pending approval with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). You will be kept informed as other updates are made available.

DCH and DBHDD remain committed to serving as many individuals eligible for waiver supports as possible. Your feedback and partnership will continue to be an important part of the process as the State continues to seek ways to strengthen its support of individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Georgia.