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Division of Developmental Disabilities
Virtual Town Hall – 2021 COMP Waiver Renewal

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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Monday, October 26, 2020 – 8:30 am
 Tuesday, October 27, 2020 – 12:00 pm
 Thursday, October 28, 2020 – 5:30 pm



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DBHDD MISSION



The mission of DBHDD:
Leading an accountable and effective
continuum of care to support
Georgians with behavioral health
challenges, and intellectual and
developmental disabilities in a dynamic
health care environment.

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DCH MISSION



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

The mission of the Georgia
Department of Community Health
is to provide access to affordable,
quality health care to Georgians through
effective planning, purchasing,
and oversight.

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Today's Discussion

- Discuss the two Medicaid waiver programs designed for individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities - New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver (COMP)
- Discuss upcoming COMP Waiver program renewal
 - Services that will continue
 - New services
 - Adjustments to existing services



DBHDD&DCH looking for YOUR feedback!

What is working well and what are areas for improvements in preparation for the federal application to renew the COMP waiver program by Spring 2021.

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Current COMP Waiver Services and Supports



These services are set to continue in the COMP 2021 renewal....



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapy • Physical Therapy • Speech and Language Therapy • Behavioral Support Services • Community Access • Community Living Supports (with modifications) • Community Residential Alternative • In Home and Out of Home Respite • Environmental Accessibility Adaptation • Additional Staffing (with modifications) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevocational Services • Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies • Intensive Support Coordination and Support Coordination • Supported Employment • Transportation • Vehicle Adaptation • Skilled Nursing Services • Nutrition Services • Interpreter Services • Individual Directed Goods and Services • Financial Support Services |
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Recent COMP Enhancements Through Previous Amendments

2019/2020 NOW&COMP Amendments

- Interpreter services- added service to NOW and COMP waivers
- Behavior Support Services- rolled into one service and cap now based on clinical assessment rather than a fixed annual cap
- Supported Employment Rate Increase
- Transportation \$1=1 unit, removed per trip cap, annual cap remains to afford more flexibility in transportation funds

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2021 COMP RENEWAL- Telehealth Proposed Changes

Telehealth Option
for Adult Speech
& Language
Therapy (some
exceptions)

Telehealth
Option for Adult
Occupational
Therapy

Telehealth
Option for Adult
Physical
Therapy

Telehealth
Option for
Nutrition
Services

Telehealth Option
for Behavior
Support Services
(some exceptions)

Telehealth
Option for
Interpreter
Services

Telehealth Option
for Supported
Employment
Services (some
exceptions)

Note: These are
proposed changes
by DBHDD&DCH
that require approval
by CMS

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New Proposed Service- Assistive Technology

Assistive technology* consists of any technology, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to maintain or improve functional capabilities of Individuals with disabilities by augmenting the Individual's strengths and/or providing an alternative mode of performing a task.

- The need for Assistive Technology must be an identifiable assessed need in the ISP and directly related to the disability.
- The need for adaptive equipment and assistive technology must be identified in the Individual Service Plan and approved by a qualified rehabilitation technician or engineer, occupational therapist, physical therapist, augmented communication therapist or other qualified professional whose signature indicates approval.



**Note this service definition is only a proposal pending CMS approval and is subject to change*

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New Proposed Service- Assistive Technology

Assistive technology *may* include [subject to change]:

- Communication: Screen readers, display video magnifiers, screen magnification, large keyboards, navigation assistant, augmented and alternative communication, emotion recognition and speech to text
- Personal Emergency Response System: smoke alarm with vibrating pad/flashing light
- Accessibility Software: Alphanumeric, speech amplifiers, electronic speech aids/devices, motion activated electronic devices.
- Cognitive: memory aids (smart pen) and educational software.
- Education: computer accessibility, telecommunication screens, and voiceover
- Home Automation: adaptive locks, motion sensors and audio messages
- Medication Management: Telecare devices



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Service Modifications

Community Living Support Services

- Community Living Support services are individually tailored supportive tasks that facilitate an individual's independence and promote integration into the community.
- **Community Living Support services is available for individuals who spend periods of time throughout the day with unpaid unsupervised supports and services.**

Additional Staffing Services* & Nursing Services in CLS Settings

- Modifications to Additional Staffing in CLS setting- proposing daily limits of up to 6 hours daily of Additional Staffing services in CLS Settings.
- Modifications to Skilled Nursing Services- proposing daily limits of up to 16 hours daily in CLS Settings.

*Note Additional Staffing is a separate service line from CLS

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Service Modifications Continued

Community Guide

With the COMP waiver renewal and NOW Amendment, Community Guide Service will no longer be available for use upon CMS approval of the proposed changes

Natural Supports Training

With the COMP waiver renewal and NOW amendment, Natural Support Training will no longer be available for use upon CMS approval of the proposed changes

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Service Modifications Continued- Participant Directed

PD Supported Employment

With the COMP waiver renewal and the NOW amendment, Supported Employment remains a service available to individuals, but individuals will no longer be able to PD this service.

PD Behavioral Support Services

With the COMP waiver renewal and NOW amendment, individuals will no longer be able to self-direct this service.

This service must be provided by licensed and certified staff

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Timeline - Spring 2021 COMP Waiver Renewal



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We Value Your Feedback!

Describe what is working well in the NOW&COMP waiver services for you as an individual receiving services, family member, advocate or provider.

Describe opportunities for improvement in NOW&COMP waiver services or other factors DBHDD/DCH should consider in the COMP waiver renewal process.

Public Survey Opportunity

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DD_Virtual_Town_Hall_2020

COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY 11/6/2020

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