

NOW and COMP Waiver Programs: *Recent Improvements and Renewal Plan*



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DBHDD Vision and Goal

Vision: Every person who participates in our services leads a satisfying, independent life with dignity and respect.

Goal: All transitioned individuals will receive adequate services and supports in the community and will achieve independence, integration and a meaningful life.

People Currently Served

New Options Waiver Program: 4,789

Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program: 7,018

2014 Waiver Amendments

What changed?

*Amendment
Approved by CMS
Dec. 11, 2014*

Significant Features of the Waiver Amendments

- *Increased rates for the following services by 2% as of Dec. 11, 2014*
 - Community Access Services
 - Prevocational Services
 - Supported Employment Services
 - Community Residential Services
 - Community Living Support Services
 - Support Coordination
- *Separated skilled nursing services from the context of community residential and community living services*
- *Added two newly-approved services*

Waiver Amendment Changes

2011 Approved Waiver	2014 Waiver Amendment
<p>Nursing Services Only available within community living supports and community residential services</p>	<p>Nursing Services Available as a <i>stand-alone service</i> regardless of setting <i>No rate change</i></p>
<p>Behavioral Supports Consultation Maximum units: 108 <i>Only reimbursable in home setting</i></p>	<p>Behavioral Supports Consultation Maximum units: 96 <i>Available in all settings</i> <i>No rate change</i></p>
<p>Behavioral Supports Services Not available</p>	<p>Behavioral Supports Services new Maximum units: 96 <i>Available in all settings</i></p>
<p>Intensive Support Coordination Not available</p>	<p>Intensive Support Coordination new Provides medical or behavioral expertise and coordination</p>

All Available Services

Community Access
Prevocational Services
Supported Employment

Financial Support Services
Community Guide

Community Living Support

Environmental Accessibility
Individual Directed Goods and Services
Natural Support Training
Transportation
Vehicle Adaptation

Support Coordination
Intensive Support Coordination **new**

Respite
Community Residential

Behavioral Supports Consultation
Behavioral Supports Services **new**

Adult Occupational Therapy
Adult Physical Therapy
Adult Speech and Language Therapy
Specialized Medical Equipment
Specialized Medical Supplies
Skilled Nursing Services **new**

What's Next?

- **COMP waiver to be renewed in 2015**
 - Public forums January–March to solicit stakeholder comment
- **DBHDD will:**
 - Consider service edits, additions, or other changes
 - Collaborate with the Georgia Department of Community Health in rate analysis and all aspects of the renewal
 - Submit a NOW waiver amendment application to align the two waiver programs

Timeline

- **COMP waiver program expires Dec. 31, 2015 unless renewed**
- **Department of Community Health must submit renewal application by Sept. 30, 2015**
- **Stakeholders may continue to submit comment throughout the renewal process by:**
 - Offering comment in public forums
 - Attending other events and networking with fellow stakeholders
 - Contacting our constituent services office at (404) 657-1526 or dbhddconstituentservices@dbhdd.ga.gov