

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**Notice of Intent to Amend and Renew the Acquired Brain Injury II (ABI II) Waiver and to Amend the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI I) Waiver**

In accordance with the provisions of section 17b-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services (DSS) intends to submit applications to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend and renew the Acquired Brain Injury II (ABI II) waiver, and amend the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI I) waiver to align with the proposed amendments in the ABI II waiver renewal. The current ABI II waiver expires on November 30, 2024.

DSS is proposing the following changes to the ABI I and ABI II waivers:

- Modifying the educational requirements of case managers and shifting the licensure requirement to the agency level and off the individual case manager. These changes will improve the ability of the access agencies, which provide case management services on behalf of the Department, to hire and retain a sufficient number of case managers, without sacrificing client safety.

Current Language	Proposed Changes
The case manager is required to hold a Master's degree in social work, human services, counseling or rehabilitation counseling. If the degree is in social work, LCSW or LMSW licensure is required. The case manager may also be a nurse with a minimum of a bachelor's degree.	The case manager is required to hold a Master's degree in social work, human services, counseling or rehabilitation counseling. The agency will have at least one licensed clinician on staff available for case consultation and escalation. Acceptable licensures in social work, nursing, or counseling will meet this requirement.
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- Adding a certification requirement for case managers to be certified Brain Injury Specialists
- Updating the service definitions for the following services to reflect the 1-year agency experience requirement that already exists as a credentialing requirement for agencies to provide certain services:
  - Personal Care (agency provider)

Copies of the complete text of the two waiver applications are available, at no cost, upon request from: Christine Weston, Director of Community Options Unit, DSS Central Office, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06105, or via email at [christine.weston@ct.gov](mailto:christine.weston@ct.gov). They are also available on the DSS website, [www.ct.gov/dss](http://www.ct.gov/dss), under “News,” as well as the following direct link: <http://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications>.

All written comments regarding this application must be submitted by August 1, 2024 to: Christine Weston, Director of Community Options Unit, DSS Central Office, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06105, or via email at [christine.weston@ct.gov](mailto:christine.weston@ct.gov).