

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO RENEW AND AMEND THE MENTAL HEALTH HOME
AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER**

In accordance with the provisions of section 17b-8(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services intends to submit a renewal of the Mental Health Home and Community-Based Services Waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”), to be effective April 1, 2022.

The above-referenced waiver is operated by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

The Department of Social Services and DMHAS are proposing the following changes upon renewal:

- Adding Interpreter Services, which would allow monolingual participants to have interpreter services more readily available during assessments and meetings.
- Adding Mental Health Counseling Services, which would allow participants the choice of receiving counseling in their home environment as opposed to an office or clinic setting.
- Administratively removing Group Recovery Assistant and Group Community Support Program, as the group component of these two services can now be authorized and billed using a modifier with the standard Recovery Assistant and Community Support Program codes.
- Increasing the per-participant annual limit for Assistive Technology services from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- Reducing the number of annual Money Follows the Person reserved slots from 60 to 30 to more accurately reflect historical usage.
- Technical updates, including: updating performance measures as recommended by CMS; identifying services that utilize electronic visit verification (EVV); and indicating that certain services are billed directly through the state’s Medicaid claims payment system rather than through a fiscal intermediary.

A copy of the complete text of the waiver is available, at no cost, upon request to: Erin Leavitt-Smith, Director Long Term Services and Supports, Mental Health Waiver Program, Department of Mental Health and Addition Services, PO Box 351, Middletown, Connecticut, 06457; or via email at Erin.Leavitt-Smith@ct.gov. It is also available on the Department of Social Services’ website, www.ct.gov/dss, under “News and Press,” as well as the following direct link: <http://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications>. In addition, it is available on DMHAS’s website, www.ct.gov/dmhas, under “What’s New!” as well as the following link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DMHAS/Programs-and-Services/Mental-Health-Waiver/Mental-Health-Waiver>.

All written comments regarding this renewal application must be submitted by November 26, 2021 to: Erin Leavitt-Smith, Director Long Term Services and Supports, Mental Health Waiver

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