



PRESS RELEASE

New Waiver and Amendments Enhance Support Services for People with Disabilities

October 29, 2020

Washington, DC— The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the District of Columbia to operate the new Individual and Family Support (IFS) Waiver and approved an amendment to the current Home and Community-Based Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) waiver. The new Individual and Family Support (IFS) Waiver offers a full range of health and clinical services for people with disabilities who have complex support needs and reside in their natural home. It provides individuals and their families with an alternative to institutional services and promotes community inclusion and independence which is capped at \$75,000 per person based on their Individual Service Plan (ISP). The IFS Waiver offers eighteen (18) services currently available under the HCBS IDD Waiver and adds a new service: Education Supports Services. All current HCBS IDD Waiver providers are automatically approved to be IFS Waiver providers.

Based on a utilization review of HCBS IDD Waiver services, the District of Columbia has made amendments to promote the use of natural supports and ensure the sustainability of the waiver. Service amendments were made in the following areas: Day Habilitation, Employment Readiness, Host Home, Supported Living, Residential Habilitation, Respite, and Wellness.

A list of services available under the new IFS Waiver follows this release. To access the IFS and IDD Amendment Waiver fact sheets and a copy of the approved Waivers, visit <https://dds.dc.gov/page/medicaid-waiver-information>. For more information, contact: Winslow Woodland, Deputy Director, Developmental Disabilities Administration at winslow.woodland@dc.gov or (202) 730-1618, or Pamela Harmon, Supervisory Waiver Specialist at pamela.harmon@dc.gov or (202) 738-2625.

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Services Offered through the Individual & Family Support (IFS) Waiver

Administered by the DC Department on Disability Services

Effective November 1, 2020

- Assistive Technology
- Behavioral Supports
- Companion (Individual)
- Creative Arts Therapies
- Day Habilitation
- Employment Readiness
- Family Training (Individual)
- Individualized Day Supports
- In-Home Supports
- Parenting Supports
- Personal Care
- Physical Therapy
- Respite
- Skilled Nursing
- Speech, Hearing, and Language (Individual)
- Supported Employment
- Occupational Therapy
- Wellness (Nutrition, Fitness, Bereavement, and Massage)
- Education Supports (NEW)

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