

Developmental Disabilities HCBS Waiver Renewal Update

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting

April 25, 2013

- Background
 - Maryland has 2 HCBS Waivers – Community Pathways and New Directions – both expire on June 30th 2013.
 - Community Pathways has over 12,000 participants and is traditional model
 - New Directions has approximately 260 participants and is a self-directed model
- Major Changes in Renewal
 - Both Waivers are being combined into one with a self-directed component
 - Allows for smoother transition from traditional to self-directed services
 - Improves definition of support broker services
 - Resource Coordination (Case Management) is being removed from the Waiver as a service and being converted to State Plan Targeted Case Management
 - Standardizes case management across the state for people with DD
 - Allows for FFP for Medicaid eligible people who are not on the Waiver
 - Clarifies services definitions
 - Aligns with CMS technical assistance guidance on employment and day services
 - Removes volunteer activities from supported employment
 - Better defines both employment and day services
 - Adds Benefits Counseling as a service under day and employment
 - Splits day and employment services into ½ day units to allow for combining of services
 - Creates Waiver Advisory Committee to provide formal means of input into waiver services and operations
- Stakeholder Input sought through several activities
 - Meetings with key stakeholder groups from fall of 2012 through winter of 2013
 - Larger public input sessions and webinars in December 2012
 - Materials posted on DDA Webpage for comment throughout process