MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY WAIVER REPORTS
March 2016

WAIVER RENEWALS	PURPOSE	SUBMITTED TO CMS	APPROVED	COMMENTS
Community Options Waiver	Needs to be renewed in 2016, submission planned for May 2016 following the 30 day public comment period.			Received response about rate methodology from CMS in Nov 2015. Submit to CMS by May 2016 – a study documenting the development and basis for the waiver rates demonstrating that the rates are economic and efficient. For Community Options, the renewal is due 6/30/16. Proposed renewal application will go out out for public comment on 4/1/16 for 30 days before we submit. Draft being sent to stakeholders the week of March 18.
Autism Waiver	Submitted renewal application. Renewal was approved but CMS is requiring a rate study.	March 14, 2014	9/24/14	Received response about rate methodology from CMS in Nov 2015. Submit to CMS by April 1, 2016 – a study documenting the development and basis for the waiver rates demonstrating that the rates are economic and efficient.
HCBS Community Setting Draft Transition Plan	To come into compliance with CMS Final Rule by 2019	March 12, 2015		Submitted to CMS March 12, 2015. CMS provided feedback in November 2015. On 03/02/16, MD requested until 06/30/16 to complete the systemic review and proposed to submit the draft revision to CMS on 07/31/16. Transition plan must be included with all waiver renewal applications.
Brain Injury Waiver	Waiver Renewal			BI waiver renewal due to CMS 6/1/16. Advisory Council Stakeholders Meeting March 21, 2016 Public Notice MD Register April 1, 2016.
Medical Day Care	Waiver Renewal			MDCSW waiver renewal due to CMS 6/1/16. MDCSW Advisory Council Stakeholders Meeting March 21, 2016. Public Notice MD Register April 1, 2016.

WAIVER AMENDMENTS	PURPOSE	SUBMITTED TO CMS	APPROVED	COMMENTS
Community Pathways Waiver	The department proposes to: (1) enhance self-directed service model (2) update program capacity (3) add new reserve waiver capacity (4) update projected service utilization and cost based (5) remove requirement for active treatment in order to be eligible (6) change personal supports unit of service from an hour to 15 minute and (7) update terminology and language			Public comments closed January 31, 2016. Final information shared with the UIO for review prior to submission. DHMH plans to submit the amendment in March with a requested effective date of 7/1/16
1915(b) amendment	The department proposes to: Limit providers of transition services to Supports Planning Agencies	Jan 14, 2016		On 01/20/16, CMS requested the effective date be changed to 04/01/16. Amendment was resubmitted with an effective date of 04/01/16 on 01/27/16. CMS sent informal questions on 02/14/16; MD responded on 03/11/16.