

# Continuation of HCBS COVID-19 Flexibilities

Medicaid Member Town Halls  
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# State Response to COVID- 19

- 1915(C) HCBS Waivers
  - Appendix K Disaster Waiver
    - Flexibilities extended for 6 months post PHE that the state did not choose to continue end November 11, 2023
    - The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) has granted states an extension of the HCBS flexibilities the state intends to continue when the state has submitted the HCBS Waiver Amendments adopting the flexibilities that will continue to CMS before November 11, 2023.
    - HCBS Waiver Amendments submitted to CMS September 6, 2023
  
- 1915(i) State Plan HCBS Habilitation
  - Disaster State Plan Amendment (SPA)
    - Most flexibilities are extended for 6 months post PHE through the Temporary extension of the Disaster SPA granted and are scheduled to end November 11, 2023
    - The state submitted the SPA to CMS September 7, 2023

# Flexibilities that continue beyond November 11, 2023.

- Allow **parents of minors, spouses, and family members** to provide direct services. (HCBS Waiver Population - for supported community living, consumer directed attendant care ). This includes legally responsible person, relative, or legal guardian
  - Employed by a CDAC or SCL Provider Agency
  - Enrolled with Iowa Medicaid as an Individual CDAC provider
  - Employed by a CCO participant
    - Parents of minors, spouses and family members employed by a CCO participant to provide services are required to complete background checks conducted pursuant to 441—Chapter 119
  
- A member may not employ any person who has been sanctioned, or who is affiliated with a person or an entity that has been sanctioned, under 441—Chapter 79.
  
- A member may not employ any person who has been excluded by the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services under Sections 1128 or 1156 of the Social Security Act

# Flexibilities that continue beyond November 11, 2023.

- Medical Day Care for Children. This **new** service provides for the supervision and support of children residing in their family home who, because of their complex medical or complex behavioral needs require specialized exceptional care that cannot be served in the traditional childcare settings.
- Adult Day Care has been newly **expanded** to be delivered in the member's home to persons who need a degree of supervision and assistance on regular or intermittent basis in the home due to the absence of the primary caregiver.
- Electronic signatures will continue to be appropriate when a pen and ink signature is not possible
- Allow certain services to be delivered via telehealth

# Questions

# Resources

Coming Soon...

[Informational Letter 2520-MC-FFS PHE\\_HCBS\\_Flexibilities\\_Unwind\\_Update](#)

[Informational Letter 2468-MC-FFS HCBS Waiver Expanded Services – Medical Day Care For Children And Adult Day Care](#)

[Informational Letter 2457-MC-FFS Telehealth Flexibilities](#)

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[https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Medical-Children-Adult-Daycare\\_10.23.pdf](https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Medical-Children-Adult-Daycare_10.23.pdf)

Member Town Hall September 7, 2023

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- <https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/HCBS%20Townhall%20Presentation%2009.07.23.pdf>