

April 7, 2011

**DHS Responses to Assembly Budget Committee Follow-up Questions
Medicaid Appropriations Hearing April 5, 2011**

All Members:

- With respect to the proposed Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver that is still under development, it was indicated that the proposed waiver would consolidate existing Medicaid waivers the State currently administers and that significant savings may be realized through a consolidation of the existing waivers.

Please provide the following information with respect to the existing waivers that may be consolidated, identify: each waiver being considered for consolidation; the number or unduplicated clients currently served in each waiver and the number of unduplicated clients that would be served by each waiver in subsequent fiscal years; the waiver services provided by each waiver; total expenditures of each waiver with respect to the waiver services provided and other non-waiver Medicaid services provided; and the administrative costs associated with each waiver.

Finally, please identify the amounts that would be saved by consolidating the waivers with respect to waiver services provided and administration.

DHS Response:

Below are the 8 approved waivers (HIFA Waiver included within 1115 Waiver) that are currently being administered in NJ. The attached file (A) provides the services that are included within each waiver. As the department's proceed through the Comprehensive Waiver process, additional data and details will become available.

Waiver	Populations / Slots	Service Expense ⁽¹⁾
		Total Expense (in millions)
1115 Waiver (Includes HIFA Waiver Populations)		
NJ FamilyCare Parents	181,433	\$133.8
1915 B Waiver Allowed for the movement of certain populations into managed care (included under this waiver consist of children with special needs such as blindness or disability, and children in foster care.)	28,149	\$77.5
1915 C Waivers		
ACCAP - AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program	750	\$0.6
CRPD - HCBS Waiver for Blind or Disabled Children and Adults		
To Provide Community Resources for People with Disabilities	300	\$3.5
TBI - HCBS Waiver for Persons with Acquired Traumatic Brain Injuries	350	\$6.7
CCW - HCBS Waiver for the Mentally Retarded or Developmentally Disabled	10,106	\$149.8
GO - Global Options for Long Term Care (GO)	11,669	\$39.2

(1) Reflect Expenses for Oct 2010 - Dec 2010 as reported to CMS

Assemblyman Greenwald:

- Please provide a copy of the Myers and Stauffer report which resulted in the FY 2012 budget recommendation to reduce reimbursement for administrative costs of the Special Care Nursing Facilities. Please provide information as to the amount paid to Myers and Stauffer for preparing this report.

DHS Response:

DHSS previously responded to this question.

Assemblywoman Watson-Coleman:

- Please provide information as to why the State has never implemented recommendations that the State adopt bulk purchasing procedures for prescription drugs provided through Medicaid and the State Health Benefits Program.

DHS Response:

NJ has explored this option over the years and at the time, CMS did not allow purchasing pools to include both Medicaid and non-Medicaid populations. Through the passage of the Affordable Care Act, NJ has been able to expand its Medicaid prescription drug rebate collections. DHS is also recommending that the pharmacy benefit be included in the managed care service package to achieve better service delivery coordination while leveraging savings through the HMO's (eg supplemental rebates).

Medicaid Assembly Budget Mtg - Comprehensive Waiver Attachment A

<p>1115 Waiver (includes HFA Waiver)</p>	<p>1915 B Waiver</p>	<p>1915 C Waivers</p>			<p>GO - Global Options for Long Term Care (GO)</p>
<p>NJ FamilyCare Parents</p>	<p>Managed Care Enrollment</p>	<p>CRPD - HCBS Waiver for Persons with Acquired Traumatic Brain Injuries</p>	<p>TBI - HCBS Waiver for Persons with Acquired Traumatic Brain Injuries</p>	<p>CCW - HCBS Waiver for the Mentally Retarded or Developmentally Disabled</p>	<p>Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) Division of Aging & Community Services (DACCS)</p>
<p>Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS)</p>	<p>DHS DMAHS</p>	<p>DHS DDS</p>	<p>DHS DDS</p>	<p>DHS DDS</p>	<p>Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) Division of Aging & Community Services (DACCS)</p>
<p>Services (covers similar to widely available commercial coverage) include, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor visits • Prescriptions • Lab tests • X-rays • Hospitalization • Eyeglasses • Mental health services • Specialist visits 	<p>Services (covers similar to widely available commercial coverage) include, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home health care, nursing home care, medical day care, and personal care assistance services • Mental health services provided in a doctor's office, approved mental health clinic, or outpatient department • Eyeglasses, hearing aids, artificial limbs, braces, and orthopedic shoes • Clinic services including rehabilitation services such as audiology, speech-language therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy • Medical supplies and equipment • X-ray and laboratory services • Transportation to obtain medical covered services • Hospice 	<p>CRPD - HCBS Waiver for Blind or Disabled Children and Adults To Provide Community Resources for People with Disabilities</p>	<p>CRPD - HCBS Waiver for Persons with Acquired Traumatic Brain Injuries</p>	<p>CRPD - HCBS Waiver for Persons with Acquired Traumatic Brain Injuries</p>	<p>Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) Division of Aging & Community Services (DACCS)</p>
<p>ACCAP - AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program</p>	<p>Division of Disability Services (DDS) Home and Community Services (HCS)</p>	<p>DHS DDS</p>	<p>DHS DDS</p>	<p>DHS DDS</p>	<p>Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) Division of Aging & Community Services (DACCS)</p>
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