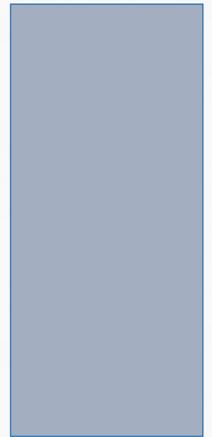




STATE OF ALASKA'S 1915(c) WAIVER RENEWAL APPLICATIONS





WHY DOES THE STATE NEED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS?

WAIVER APPROVAL PROCESS

- Apply to CMS to “waive” out of institutional Medicaid payments for 3 or 5 years – Alaska has chosen 5 years
- The last waiver period began in FY12, so approval was sought for the applications in FY11
- All four waivers have been amended during the five year approval period



WAIVER APPROVAL PROCESS

- WAIVER RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEAR PERIOD ARE NOW OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
- APPLICATIONS FOUND HERE:
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/AK-HCBS-waivers.aspx>
- SUBMISSION TO CMS DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2016
- EFFECTIVE DATE JULY 1, 2016 (FY17 THROUGH FY21)



AK HCBS Waivers

- > IDD Approved waiver as amended, effective 02/01/16
- > ALI Approved waiver as amended, effective 07/01/14
- > APDD Approved waiver as amended, effective 07/01/14
- > CCMC Approved waiver as amended, effective 07/01/14

Waiver Renewal Applications

- > IDD Waiver renewal application
- > ALI Waiver renewal application
- > APDD Waiver renewal application
- > CCMC Waiver renewal application

You may comment on the waiver renewal application by submitting written comments to:

Jetta Whittaker
Division of Senior and Disabilities Services
P.O. 110680
Juneau, Alaska 99811

or by email: jetta.whittaker@alaska.gov

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Units

- Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Waiver
- Nursing Facility Level of Care (NFLOC) Waiver
- Grant Services
- Personal Care Assistance (PCA)
- Policy & Program Development
- Provider Certification & Compliance
- Quality Assurance (QA)
- Research & Analysis
- Operations, Training, Transportation & Hearings

Programs and Offices

- Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- General Relief Program
- Home and Community Based Senior Grants
- Medicare Information Office
- Nursing Facility Transition Program
- Nutrition, Transportation, and Support Services Grants
- Rural Long-Term Care Development

FOUR HCBS WAIVERS UNDER 1915(C)

- **Children with Complex Medical Conditions (CCMC)**
- **Alaskans Living Independently (ALI)**
- **Adults with Physical and Developmental Disabilities (APDD)**
- **Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**



CURRENT ARRAY OF SERVICES

Service	CCMC	ALI	IDD	APDD
Care coordination	X	X	X	X
Respite	X	X	X	X
Chore	X	X	X	X
Specialized Medical Equipment	X	X	X	X
Meals	X	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	X	X
Environmental Modifications	X	X	X	X
Nursing Oversight & Care Management	X		X	
Private Duty Nursing			X	X
Intensive Active Treatment	X		X	X
Residential Habilitation	X		X	X
Supported Living			X	X
Residential Supported Living		X		X
Day Habilitation	X		X	X
Adult Day		X		X
Supported Employment			X	X



WAIVER RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

ALL FOUR WAIVER RENEWAL APPLICATIONS HAVE THESE THINGS IN COMMON:

- LARGELY CARRYING FORWARD THE CONTENTS OF THE CURRENT APPROVED WAIVERS
 - Services, provider types, process largely continued
 - Performance and quality assurance measures updated
- CONFLICT-FREE PROVISIONS, AND EXCEPTION TO CONFLICT FREE STATUS (Service Plan Development Safeguards in Appendix D-1 b)
- NEW ENHANCED RATE FOR CARE COORDINATION (Financial Accountability-Payment in Appendix I-3 c)

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1915 (I) AND (K) STATE PLAN OPTIONS

- Current SDS initiative to implement the 1915(i) and (k) State Plan options does not impact these waiver renewal applications.
- In the future the Division may amend the 1915(c) waivers to reflect changes in services offered under the Medicaid State Plan.



WAIVER RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

THE FOUR WAIVER RENEWAL APPLICATIONS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT APPROVED WAIVERS IN THESE IMPORTANT WAYS:

- **CCMC:** Intensive Active Treatment is removed from the list of services, as regular Medicaid now covers IAT
- **ALI and APDD:** Once on the waiver, reassessments may be conducted using a Truncated Consumer Assessment Tool (TCAT)
- **IDD:** The total number of people drawn from the Registry for waiver placement continues at 50 per year, per recent amendment

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WAIVER RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

- *Provide opportunity for Public Comment*
 - Public Notice and comment period of at least 30 days; closing March 18, 2016
 - State must consider public comment and modify the waiver renewal applications as it deems appropriate, to account for public comment;
 - SDS must submit the four waiver renewal applications to CMS by 3/31/16

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS

PLEASE SEND PUBLIC COMMENT TO:

- Jetta Whittaker, PO Box 110680,
Juneau AK 99811-0680
- Jetta.whittaker@alaska.gov
- Comments will be accepted until
March 18, 2016

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