

Time Lines for Community Support Waiver amendment 2011-2012

August, 2011: Waiver amendment is recommended by MARF and MACDDS. Items to address in amendment:

- Increase limits on group size for personal assistance from 3 to 6, and community employment up to 8 with RO approval (these limits were in previous waiver, reduction in group size during reapplication was unintentional)
- Replace day supports with a new service that will better promote community integration and independent skills development.
- Add co-worker supports to waiver.
- Change positive behavior support to person-centered strategies consultant, modify service description to be clear that services are not within the scope of any professional practice requiring a license, and add service outcomes.
- Remove behavior management from community specialist (necessary for compliance with state law)

August –October, 2011: Workgroup including representatives from MARF and MACDDS provided input on the waiver amendment.

November, 2011: Waiver amendment completed by DD and submitted to MO HealthNet for review and submission to CMS.

December 27, 2011: Waiver amendment submitted to CMS. CMS has 90 days to complete review, and may take one of three actions: Approve amendment, deny amendment, or request additional information.

February 2, 2012: Informal Request for Additional Information (RAI) from CMS; 24 questions. (Informal RAI does not "stop clock.")

March 5, 2012: Responses to informal RAI submitted to CMS.

March 21, 2012: Formal RAI from CMS, 15 questions. Formal RAI stops the clock.

May 1, 2012: Formal response submitted to CMS by MO HealthNet. 90 day clock starts again.

May 3, 2012: Informal RAI from CMS, 6 questions. 90 day clock does not stop.

May 16, 2012: Responses to informal RAI submitted to CMS by MO HealthNet.

June 1, 2012: Amendment approved by CMS.