Frequently Asked Questions: Moving DDD’s Community Care Waiver (CCW) to New Jersey’s Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver

Effective November 1, 2017, DDD’s 1915(c) Community Care Waiver (CCW) will be incorporated into New Jersey’s larger and more wide-ranging 1115(a) demonstration waiver, known as the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver.

What will this change mean for CCW participants?

This is an internal, administrative change. It has no effect on an individual’s DDD-funded services and there is nothing that an individual or his parent/guardian needs to do.

Will there be any change in available services?

All of the services currently available through the CCW will continue to be available when the CCW is absorbed into the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver.

In addition, beginning November 1, 2017, the new services that DDD sought approval to add to the CCW will become immediately available to CCW participants who have transitioned into fee-for-service: Community Inclusion Services, Goods & Services, Interpreter Services, Natural Supports Training, and Supports Brokerage.

The list of services available to CCW Program participants in the fee-for-service system will be more closely aligned with the list of services available to Supports Program participants. (Please note that direct support services are referred to as Individual Supports in the CCW Program and as Community Based Supports in the Supports Program.)

Will this change affect the CCW transition into fee-for-service?

No. The Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver already operates in the fee-for-service model. Moving the CCW will streamline the fee-for-service transition by providing access to both current and new services to CCW participants who have been transitioned into fee-for-service.

Please note that shifting the CCW into the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver does not mean that everyone currently enrolled on the CCW is automatically shifted into fee-for-service. The transition of CCW participants into fee-for-service will continue to proceed on a person-by-person basis.

What if I have additional questions or concerns about this change?

If you have additional questions or concerns, you can call 609.631.2200 to speak to a DDD representative, or email DDD.CCWHelpdesk@dhs.state.nj.us.