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Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) Waiver Renewal Summary Document
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This document provides a high-level summary of updates to the draft renewal ABD Waiver. The waiver’s appendices, corresponding page numbers to the current version and the draft renewal, and information regarding content changes are outlined. This document does not indicate each line-item change.

The draft renewal waiver and current, approved waiver can be accessed at: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/nh-developmental-disabilities-waiver-and-acquired-brain-disorder-waiver-renewal-2026-2031>

Waiver Section/Appendix	Subsection	Change	Current Page Number	Draft Renewal Page Number
Renewal	1. Major Changes	Information added to reflect major changes in renewal.	N/A	1
Main	1. Request Information	Program title amended to reflect new waiver year cycle.	3	1-2
Main	6. Additional Requirements I. Public Input	Information added regarding the public input process. <i>Note: This section will be further updated after the public comment period to include comments received.</i>	11-12	9
Main	7. Contacts	Contact information for State Representative updated from Jess Gorton to Lindsey Magee, HCBS Waiver Administrator	12-14	9-10
Main	B. Optional	Language added to indicate that if in-person assistance is required to support a waiver participant’s assessed needs, remote services shall not be an option, and in-	16-19	12-14

		<p>person service delivery will be the method of service delivery.</p> <p>Language regarding Remote Services Checklist has been removed. Information regarding remote service provision is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d.</p>		
Appendix A	<p>Waiver Administration and Operation</p> <p>4. Role of Local/Regional Non-State Entities</p>	CAP compliance language removed.	20-21	15-16
Appendix A	<p>Waiver Administration and Operation</p> <p>5. Responsibility for Assessment of Performance of Contracted and/or Local/Regional Non-State Entities</p>	Reference to Office of Quality Assurance and Improvement changed to Bureau of Program Quality.	21	16
Appendix A	<p>Waiver Administration and Operation</p> <p>6. Assessment Methods and Frequency</p>	Reference to CAP compliance removed.	21-22	16-17
Appendix A	<p>Waiver Administration and Operation</p> <p>Quality Improvement</p> <p>b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems</p>	Language updated for clarity.	27-28	22-23
Appendix B	<p>3. Number of Individuals Served</p> <p>a. Unduplicated Number of Participants</p>	Numbers updated to reflect unduplicated counts.	31-32	26-27
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	f. Selection of Entrants to the Waiver			
Appendix B	4. Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver b. Medicaid Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver	Duplicate language removed. New eligibility group added.	33-35	28-30
Appendix B	6. Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care a-ii Monthly monitoring of the individual when services are furnished on a less than monthly basis	Language added to allow for monthly monitoring and quarterly home visits in the individuals' home for individuals receiving Residential Habilitation. Individuals receiving Community Participation Services, Community Support Services, Supported Employment also require monthly monitoring. All other services shall require quarterly monitoring. Language added to state Service Coordination shall not be the only service an individual requires in order to be determined in need of waiver services.	42-43	38
Appendix B	6. Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care f. Process for Level of Care Evaluation/Reevaluation	Language added regarding how the state assures health and welfare of the waiver's target population post-waiver enrollment.	44	40
Appendix B	6. Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care i. Procedures to Ensure Timely Reevaluations	Language added that redeterminations are completed for all individuals, unless an individual wishes to disenroll from waiver services.	45	40-41
Appendix B	8. Access to Services by Limited English Proficiency Persons	Language added to include information from The State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services New Hampshire Medicaid Provider Participation Agreement.	52	48
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered	Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d.	53-58	49-53

	Community Participation Services	Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off.		
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Residential Habilitation	Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d. Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off.	58-62	53-58
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Respite	Service Definition- Language added to allow for community-based campership. Language added to allow for service to be provided Out of State. Service Limit- Language added to amend limit to \$7,500, with the ability to exceed the limit with prior approval from BDS. Language added to note community-based campership does not count towards the service limitation. Language added to reflect allowance of community based camperships. New provider qualifications added for Agency and Individual Camp providers.	62-65	58-63
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Service Coordination	Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d. Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off. Language added regarding Service Coordination being provided in conjunction with another service.	65-68	63-66

Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Supported Employment	Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d. Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off.	68-73	66-71
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Assistive Technology	Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d. Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off.	73-78	71-76
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Community Integration Services	Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d. Language added to allow for purchase of annual pass. Language added to provide clarity that Community Integration Services shall not include services that are recreational or diversional in nature. Language regarding community-based campership removed from CIS and moved to Respite. Service Limits- Definition for Community Based Campership removed. Ability to exceed limit with prior approval from BDS added. Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off.	78-82	76-80
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Supported Independent Living Services	Service Name: Changed to Supported Independent Living Services.	82-86	109-113

	<i>Previously Community Support Services</i>	<p>Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d.</p> <p>Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off.</p> <p>Ability to exceed the service limit caps with prior approval from BDS added.</p> <p>Box checked off to allow service to be provided by legally responsible person and legal guardian</p>		
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Crisis Response Services	<p>Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d.</p> <p>Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off.</p>	87-90	80-84
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Environmental and Vehicle Modification Services	<p>Service Limit: Outdoor fencing cap increased to \$5,000.</p> <p>List of adaptations revised to remove the word “may”.</p>	91-95	84-88
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Individual Goods and Services	<p>Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d.</p> <p>Language added to include Caregiver Supports.</p> <p>Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off.</p> <p>Provider qualifications updated for more clarity.</p>	95-99	88-92

Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Non-Medical Transportation Services	Phrase “including but not limited to” removed from definition. Provider qualifications updated to include Uber and Lyft qualifications and addition of DCYF check. Provider qualifications updated to clarify state licensed agencies also meet requirements.	99-103	93-97
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Personal Emergency Response Services	Language added to include behavior plan. The word “may” has been removed from the definition.	103-107	97-101
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Specialty Services	Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d. Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off.	110-114	105-109
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered Wellness Coaching	Service Definition – Language removed regarding remote service delivery. All remote service delivery information is now outlined in Appendix C-1-d. Service Delivery Method – New Remote Service check box checked off. Services provided by- Boxes checked off to allow Legally Responsible Person and/or Legal Guardian to provide service. Language added regarding purchase of passes or memberships. Recommendation changed from certified personal trainer or licensed recreation therapist to healthcare	115-118	113-117

		practitioner. Ability to exceed the limit with prior approval from BDS added.		
Appendix C	1. Summary of Services Covered d. Remote/Telehealth Delivery of Waiver Services	NEW section of the 1915(c) waiver application. All language from individual service definitions moved to new section. Requirement for use of remote service provision checklist removed and replaced with requirement for all information to be included in service agreement.	N/A	118-119
Appendix C	2. General Specifications a. Criminal History and/or Background Investigations	Language adjusted to match administrative rule He-M 504. Removed administrative rule He-M 506 language.	119-120	119-120
Appendix C	2. General Service Specifications b. Abuse Registry Screening	Language added regarding the entity response for maintaining the abuse registry, types of positions for which abuse registry screenings must be conducted, the process for conducting screenings, and the process to ensure continuity of care.	120	120-121
Appendix C	2. General Service Specifications g. State Option to Provide HCBS in Acute Care Hospitals in accordance with Section 1902(h)(1) of the Act.	NEW section of the 1915(c) waiver application. Language added to include short-term rehabilitation stays as an acute setting.	N/A	123
Appendix C	Quality Improvement: Qualified Providers	Performance measure sampling approach revised to detail current sampling methodology. Method for remediation/fixing individual problems amended from “area agency” to “applicable agency”. Language clarified regarding the method for analyzing information from individual problems, identifying	122-132	123-132

		systemic deficiencies, and implementing remediation actions.		
Appendix C	4. Limits a. Additional Limits of Amount of Waiver Services	Limits updated to reflect changes detailed in waiver service definitions.	132-135	133-136
Appendix C	5. Home and Community-Based Settings	Language added regarding HCBS requirements.	135-137	136-137
Appendix D	1. Plan Development b. Service Plan Development Safeguards	Clarification provided regarding service agreements to be housed in IntellectAbility and then NH Easy when the service agreement functionality in IntellectAbility sunsets. Allowance given for individuals receiving Service Coordination and Respite only to utilize a template outside of the IntellectAbility platform. Language added to note the limited circumstances in which the OWQP is invoked.	137-138	139-140
Appendix D	1. Plan Development d. i. Service Plan Development Process	Language updated to align with updates made to Administrative Rule He-M 503.	139-141	142-144
14Appendix D	1. Plan Development d. ii. HCBS Settings Requirements for the Service Plan	HCBS Settings Requirement assurances documented.	N/A	144
Appendix D	1. Plan Development f. Informed Choice of Providers	Division for Child Youth and Families (DCYF) registry check included.	142-143	145-146
Appendix D	2. Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring a. Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring	Language revised to require progress notes monthly for individuals who receive Residential Habilitation, Community Participation Services, Community Support Services, Supported Employment and quarterly monitoring for all other services.	144-145	147-148

Appendix D	Quality Improvement: Service Plan	Performance measure updated to remove timeline for nurse trainer review. Method for remediation/fixing individual problems amended from “area agency” to “applicable agency”. Language clarified regarding the method for analyzing information from individual problems, identifying systemic deficiencies, and implementing remediation actions.	146-158	149-161
Appendix E	1. Overview k. Independent Advocacy	Self-Advocacy Leadership Team (SALT) included.	168	171
Appendix E	1. Overview l. Voluntary Termination of Participant Direction.	Language added regarding how the state assures continuity of services and participant health and safety during the transition to increased delegation to a third entity, if applicable	168	171-172
Appendix E	1. Overview m. Involuntary Termination of Participant Direction.	Language added to provide additional information regarding the steps that would be taken to transition an individual from PDMS to an alternative service delivery method.	169	172-173
Appendix E	1. Overview n. Goals for Participant Direction	Numbers updated to reflect new waiver years.	169	174
Appendix F	1. Opportunity to Request a Fair Hearing	Language updated to provide clarity	174-175	178-179
Appendix F	3. State Grievance/Complaint System c. Description of System.	Assurance language added to detail when an individual elects to file a grievance or make a complaint, the individual is informed that doing so is not a pre-requisite or substitute for a Fair Hearing.	178-179	183-184
Appendix G	1. Response to Critical Events or Incidents b. State Critical Event of Incident Reporting Requirements	Bureau of Program Quality and Improvement updated to Bureau of Quality Assurance and Improvement. Link to Sentinel Event policy updated.	180-182	185-187

Appendix G	2. Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions b.i. Safeguards Concerning the Use of Restrictive Interventions and ii. State Oversight Responsibility	Language adjusted to match updated Administrative Rule He-M 310	186-187	191-192
Appendix G	2. Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions c.i. Safeguards Concerning the Use of Restrictive Interventions and ii. State Oversight Responsibility	Language adjusted to match updated Administrative Rule He-M 310	187-188	193-194
Appendix H	1. Systems Improvement a. System Improvements	Entire section updated to include current processes and expectations.	214-217	217-219
Appendix H	2. Systems Improvement b. i. and ii.	Reference to “provider agencies” included.	217	219-220
Appendix I	1. Financial Integrity and Accountability	Cost report requirements removed. NH Area Agency contract requirements removed. Language added regarding independent audits of provider agencies financial statements.	218-220	220-222
Appendix I	Quality Improvement: Financial Accountability	Bureau of Improvement and Integrity hospital admission language removed	228-229	230

	b. i. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems			
Appendix I	2. Rates, Billing, & Claims a. Rate Determination Methods	Language updated to provide clarity Clarification added ‘prevailing rates’, how different regions impact the service costs, service rate review time period, and public input on service rates. Link to MMIS corrected.	230	231-33
Appendix I	2. Rates, Billing, & Claims b. Flow of Billings	Language updated to detail current processes.	230-231	233
Appendix I	2. Rates, Billing, & Claims d. Billing Validation Process	Language added to detail current processes.	232	234
Appendix J	1. Composite Overview and Demonstration of Cost-Neutrality Formula	Numbers updated for new waiver cycle	241	243
Appendix J	2. Derivation of Estimates a. Number of Unduplicated Participants Served	Numbers updated for new waiver cycle	241-242	243-244
Appendix J	2. Derivation of Estimates b. Average Length of Stay	Numbers updated for new waiver cycle	242	244
Appendix J	2. Derivation of Estimates c. i., ii. iii. and iv. Derivation of Estimates for Each Factor	Numbers updated for new waiver cycle	242-245	244-246
Appendix J	2. Derivation of Estimates d. Estimate of Factor D	Numbers updated for new waiver cycle	246-256	246-256

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