

**Head and Spinal Cord Injury
Medicaid Waiver Program
Five-Year Renewal**

The Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver program operated by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs is due for a five-year renewal to be effective July 1, 2013. A request must be made to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prior to April 1, 2013. The State Medicaid Agency, which is the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, must submit the request and receive approval of it from CMS.

A **summary of proposed changes to the existing HASCI Waiver program is attached**. The summary may also be viewed on the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) website at www.scdhhs.gov.

Written comments may be submitted, but must be received **no later than February 14, 2013**. They must be submitted to the SCDHHS website at comments@scdhhs.gov or sent by mail to the following address:

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Community Options c/o Anita Atwood
1801 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

As part of the renewal process, there will be a **Public Meeting** to discuss the HASCI Waiver program, required and proposed changes, and to receive public comment. The Public Meeting will be held:

Thursday, January 31, 2013
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Conference Room 251 (enter through the first floor lobby)
3440 Harden Street Extension Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Participation is also available via videoconference at the following sites:

SCDDSN Coastal Center
District II/HRM Office Bldg.
Training Room 2
9995 Jamison Road
Summerville, SC 29485
Contact: Sonia Gadsden (843) 821-5806

SCDDSN Whitten Center
Whitten Center Chapel Conference Room
28373 Hwy. 76 East
Clinton, SC 29325
Contact: Sonja Renwick (864) 983-3510

SCDDSN Pee Dee Center
Administration Bldg. Conference Room
714 North Cemetery Road
Florence, SC 29506
Contact: Phyllis Clark (843) 664-2618

The proposal for 5-year renewal of the Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver includes the following substantive and technical changes:

Substantive Changes

Addition of the following new HASCI Waiver service:

- **Incontinence Supplies**
To include diapers, briefs, incontinence pads, under pads, and wipes. Through a combination of Medicaid State Plan and HASCI Waiver services, participants can receive the same quantity of supplies as previously.

Removal of the following HASCI Waiver services:

- **Health Education for Consumer-Directed Care**
HASCI Waiver population has not requested this service.
- **Peer Guidance for Consumer-Directed Care**
HASCI Waiver population has not requested this service.
- **Supported Employment**
HASCI Waiver population has not requested this service. It can be accessed through the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

Revisions to Quality Assurance sections:

- **Additional quality assurance performance measures**
This is in response to requirements and recommendations of CMS.

Technical Changes

Minor revisions for clarification of the following HASCI Waiver services, which are essentially unchanged:

- **Attendant Care/Personal Assistance**
- **Career Preparation** *(currently Prevocational Services)*
- **Day Activity** *(currently Day Habilitation)*
- **Environmental Modifications**
- **Medicaid Waiver Nursing**
- **Personal Emergency Response System**
- **Private Vehicle Modifications**
- **Psychological Services**
- **Respite Care**
- **Supplies, Equipment and Assistive Technology**

Other current HASCI Waiver services remain unchanged, including Behavioral Support Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Prescribed Drugs, Residential Habilitation, and Speech, Hearing and Language Services.