



Department of Human Services

Christie Administration Receives Federal Approval for Community Care Waiver Renewal

Authorization expands services to people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

TRENTON The Christie Administration today announced that the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities' (DDD) Community Care Waiver (CCW) renewal has been approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The renewal is effective through June 30, 2021.

The CCW provides community-based services to adults, age 21 and older, with intellectual or developmental disabilities that have been assessed as needing a high level of care. This waiver will begin to equalize the benefits provided through the CCW and the Division's Supports Program, which was launched as part of the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver. Currently, the CCW has fewer program options.

"The partnership with CMS to provide these vital services is paramount to the health and well-being of more than 11,000 citizens of our state with intellectual and developmental disabilities who receive their services through the CCW," said Department of Human Services' (DHS) Acting Commissioner, Elizabeth Connolly. "This approval sets in motion New Jersey's ability to enhance the CCW's programming, maximize federal funding for additional services and provide to participants a broader range of opportunities and options that meet their needs."

The CCW has been in effect in New Jersey since 1982; it was under a temporary extension from July 3, 2013 until March 29, 2017.

The waiver provides a variety of services for participants, including: day habilitation, individual supports, respite, individual employment supports, support coordination, assistive technology, community transition services, environmental modifications, personal emergency response system, transportation and vehicle modifications.

"Division staff is thrilled for consumers to have a broader range of services from which to choose and to incorporate into their lives," said Assistant Commissioner Elizabeth Shea, who oversees DDD. "Clients and their families have been awaiting this waiver renewal eagerly and we all look forward to the benefits they will be able to access."