



Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) and Partnership for Hope (PfH) Waiver Amendments Public Comment

This document contains a summary of the public comments collected in response to the MOCDD and PfH waiver amendment applications. Public comment was taken from November 23, 2016, through December 23, 2016. A notice regarding the MOCDD and PfH waiver amendment applications was posted in *The Columbia Tribune*, *Independence Examiner*, *Kansas City Star*, *Springfield News-Leader* and *The St. Louis Post Dispatch* on November 23, 2015. The MOCDD and PfH waiver amendment applications were available to the public on November 22, 2016. A public forum was held in Jefferson City on December 13, 2016. In accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, the MOCDD and PfH waiver amendment applications were made available for public comment for 30 days after November 23, 2016, to allow all self-advocates, providers and stakeholders an opportunity to provide input to the applications. Paper copies of the State's MOCDD and PfH waiver amendment applications were distributed to Missouri Regional Offices and at the public forum. During the public comment period, MO HealthNet Division (MHD) and Department of Mental Health (DMH) received comments from Community Opportunities and Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation.

Appendix C Participant Services – A comment in this section was received regarding the environmental accessibility adaptations service definition.

COMMENT: The CMS requirement that provider-owned and controlled residential settings may not receive home modification waiver services seems very discriminatory against providers. We purchased homes years ago when there were no other options. We are still underfunded and this will be a barrier to accessible housing for many.

RESPONSE: The January 2015 CMS Technical Guidance, which is CMS Home and Community Based waiver requirements, indicates the following: "Home accessibility adaptations may not be furnished to adapt living arrangements that are owned or leased by providers of waiver services." If CMS changes this requirement, DMH will amend the waiver applications to reflect CMS changes. No changes were made to the proposed waiver amendments.

Other Miscellaneous Comments

COMMENT: Staff from the Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation attended the public forum in person and by conference call. Staff requested an overview of the changes in the amendment applications.

RESPONSE: DMH and MHD staff provided an overview of the changes during the public forum. No changes were made to the proposed waiver amendments.