

Summary of Proposed Changes in ABI/MFP Waiver Renewal Applications

Proposed changes to the 2 ABI Waivers to align with the MFP Waivers:

- Adding services

Adding to ABI-N <i>(to align with MFP-CL)</i>	Adding to ABI-RH <i>(to align with MFP-RS)</i>
Community Behavioral Health Support & Navigation	Community Behavioral Health Support & Navigation
Community Family Training	Home Accessibility Adaptations
Home Health Aide	Individual Support and Community Habilitation
Independent Living Supports	Orientation and Mobility Services
Orientation and Mobility Services	Peer Support
Peer Support	Prevocational Services
Prevocational Services	Residential Family Training
Shared Home Supports	Skilled Nursing
Skilled Nursing	
Supportive Home Care Aide	
Vehicle Modification	

- Adding the opportunity for participant self-direction of services
 - o **ABI-N:** Individual Support and Community Habilitation, Peer Support, Personal Care, Adult Companion, Chore Service, and Homemaker.
 - o **ABI-RH:** Individual Support and Community Habilitation and Peer Support.
- Adding psychiatric hospitals to the list of acceptable inpatient facilities at which a 90-day stay may qualify an individual for the ABI Waiver to mirror MFP Waiver.
- Making non-substantive wording changes throughout, to mirror the language used in the MFP waivers.

Proposed Changes to All 4 Waivers:

- Increasing the number of participants that can be served.
- Adding a telehealth delivery option for certain waiver services.
- Increasing flexibility for assessments, service planning, and case management to occur remotely/via telehealth by removing some references to specific modalities (i.e., “in person”, “telephone”) while maintaining operational integrity.
- Adding reassurances that providers that offer services via telehealth are following HIPAA requirements.
- Adding Assistive Technology as a new service, in part to cover devices that enable participants to engage in waiver services.
- Adding a unit rate for Partial Day – Day Services, to continue offering Day Services at less than a per diem rate, as authorized through Appendix K authority approved during the Public Health Emergency (PHE).
- Updating verification of provider qualifications from annual to every two-years for many providers.
- Modifying language to reflect the fact that MFP Demonstration eligibility has been changed from a 90-day to 60-day facility stay; this may impact MFP Demo participants ability to transfer to a waiver if their initial facility stay was shorter than 90 days.
- Updating data sources and sampling approaches for several performance measures.
- Changing pronouns throughout to be gender neutral.

Proposed Changes to only the MFP-CL and ABI-N:

- Adding Home Delivered Meals as a new waiver services to continue offering this service as authorized through Appendix K authority approved during the PHE
- Adding Laundry as a new service.

Proposed Changes to only the MFP-CL:

- Updating staffing requirements for Independent Living Supports

Proposed Changes to only MFP-RS and ABI-RH:

- Adding a description of how DDS utilizes Positive Behavior Supports.
- Updating language related to policies, training, and reporting requirements on restraints, restrictive interventions, and seclusion to more accurately reflect current requirements.