

Department of Social Services

Public Comment Notice

The South Dakota Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver operated by the Division of Adult Services and Aging (ASA) is available for public comment for 30 days from May 25, 2016 to June 24, 2016.

WHAT IS THE HCBS WAIVER OPERATED BY ASA?

The HCBS Waiver is due for renewal on July 1, 2016 with an anticipated effective date of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021. The purpose of the HCBS Waiver is to provide home and community-based services to South Dakotans age 65 and older as well as individuals over the age of 18 who have a qualifying disability, to allow them to remain at home or in the least restrictive environment available. Services are based on assessed need and may include, but are not limited to, homemaker, personal care, specialized medical equipment, specialized medical supplies, assisted living, in-home nursing, and emergency response systems.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY RENEWAL OF THE HCBS WAIVER?

Individuals currently served by, or eligible for, the HCBS Waiver operated by the Division of Adult Services and Aging are directly affected by the changes.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

The changes that have been included in the waiver renewal application include:

- Addition of chore services as an available service;
- Expansion of the specialized medical equipment definition to allow for a wider range of medical equipment, including assistive technology;
- If you live in your home you will get to keep more of your money to pay for expenses such as rent/mortgage, utilities, clothing, food, etc.; and
- If you live in an Assisted Living, you will get to keep more of your money from a job (up to \$75) in addition to the \$60 needs allowance per month.

WHERE CAN I LOOK AT THE HCBS WAIVER RENEWAL?

View the HCBS Waiver Application and corresponding PowerPoint presentation online at <https://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/hearings> or contact ASA at 605-773-3656 to request a printed copy.

HOW DO I MAKE A COMMENT?

DSS appreciates your questions and comments. There are four ways to comment:

1) E-MAIL:

hcbs@state.sd.us

3) PHONE:

SD ASA: (605) 773-3656

SD MEDICAID: (605) 773-3495

2) MAIL:

SD Department of Social Services
Division of Adult Services and Aging
ATTN: ASA HCBS Waiver Renewal
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501

4) TOWN HALL CONFERENCE CALL:

June 8, 2016: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CST)

June 14, 2016: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CST)

- Dial In: -1-866-410-8397

- Conference Code: 9553117118