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FROM: Deputy Director Pat Maley

SUBJECT: In-Home Supports in ID/RD, HASCI, and CS Waivers

DATE: May 13, 2020

During the COVID-19 national emergency, In-Home Supports has been temporarily added as a service to the ID/RD and HASCI Waivers through a Waiver "Appendix K" approval by CMS. The service definition and specifications mirror those in the CS Waiver. The service must be self-directed and may be provided in lieu of provider managed services offered through those Waivers (i.e., Personal Care, Respite, Attendant Care, etc.). In addition, using In-Home Supports as a replacement service will require that services be authorized at the currently approved levels.

As part of an effort to allow flexibility for In-Home Support Services during the COVID-19 crisis, two additional options have been added for the service provided in all three Waivers:

- Family members not previously covered through the family members providing care policy are allowed to provide the service as long as the waiver participant or a responsible party is available to self-direct the service. This includes the ability for parents of minor children, legal guardians and spouses to be paid to provide the service.
- Qualifications and training can be waived when any family member is providing the service.

Directions to obtain this service was sent to all providers in today's DDSN Situational Report (May 13th), which can be found at the following link:

 $\frac{\text{https://ddsn.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Provider/Emergency\%20Management/May\%2013\%20Situational\%20Reportw20.pdf}{}$

If you have any questions, the point of contact is Director Lori Manos, telephone (803) 898-9715 or email LManos@ddsn.sc.gov.

Thank you.