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The Alabama Medicaid Agency invites providers, recipients, advocates, and other interested individuals to provide input during a public forum on the progress of the Community Waiver Program (CWP).

This forum is required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the 1115(a) Demonstration Waiver that runs concurrently with the 1915(c) approved October 21, 2021, with an effective date of October 1, 2021.

Questions and Comments will be received during a public forum on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., virtually via Webex. Participants will have the opportunity to submit written questions via the Webex chat box or to [publiccomment@medicaid.alabama.gov](mailto:publiccomment@medicaid.alabama.gov) during the specified times set for the forum.

If a participating individual would like to request an ASL interpreter, please contact CWP Director Byron White via email at [byron.white@mh.alabama.gov](mailto:byron.white@mh.alabama.gov) before or by 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024.

<p>Wednesday, May 8, 2024  10 a.m.-11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>To Join Online</b>  <a href="https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=me42dd7da1c9483ead4c35e402133c013">https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=me42dd7da1c9483ead4c35e402133c013</a>  Meeting number (access code): 2663 447 9357  Meeting password: AMA123!</p>	<p><b>To Join by Phone</b>  Dial: 1-650-479-3208 (US Toll)  Meeting number (access code): 2663 447 9357  Attendee number: enter #</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 8, 2024  1 p.m.- 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>To Join Online</b>  <a href="https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=m563f5775749ac709862bb9c527c87c09">https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=m563f5775749ac709862bb9c527c87c09</a>  Meeting number (access code): 2664 699 4124  Meeting password: AMA123!</p>	<p><b>To Join by Phone</b>  Dial: 1-650-479-3208 (US Toll)  Meeting number (access code): 2664 699 4124  Attendee number: enter #</p>

The CWP targets persons with intellectual disabilities not currently receiving services through the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers, including the persons currently on the

waiting list for the existing Intellectual Disabilities (ID) or Living at Home (LAH) Waivers. This waiver program offers services in five (5) enrollment groups, based on age and relative independence, each with a set of services designed particularly to serve them. The CWP focuses on maintaining family relationships and promoting community inclusion and competitive employment, which are of utmost importance to an individual's health, well-being, and happiness, by providing the needed supports that can enable individuals with developmental disabilities to continue to live with family or in their own homes.

The goals of the CWP include, but are not limited to the following:

- Improve access to care by reducing and eventually eliminating the current waiting list for HCBS Waivers.
- Keep families together, support independent living, and provide increased opportunities for self-direction.
- Adopt a strategy for delivering HCBS that aims to prevent crisis and escalation of needs for individuals who do not currently require an institutional level of care.
- Support the capacities that individuals with ID have capacities to contribute to their community through participation in integrated community employment, while also better ensuring their financial stability in continuing to live in the community.

Information on the CWP is available on the following websites:

- **Alabama Medicaid Agency:** [https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/6.0 LTC Waivers/6.1 HCBS Waivers/6.1.9 Community Waiver Program.aspx](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/6.0_LTC_Waivers/6.1_HCBS_Waivers/6.1.9_Community_Waiver_Program.aspx)
- **Alabama Department of Mental Health:** <https://mh.alabama.gov/community-waiver-program/>