

HOPE Waiver Renewal

The following changes will be implemented in the HOPE Waiver renewal effective 10/01/2021:

- The APS and Critical Incidents sections of the Waiver will be updated to reflect the specialization of APS and enhance the Critical Incident protocol related to deaths.
- Language will be updated to ensure that MFP providers are able to be reimbursed for transition services up to and including the transition date regardless of HOPE Waiver eligibility; given a preliminary NF LOC for HOPE Waiver has been determined.
- Institutional Respite will be added as a separate service.
- Administrative Authority performance measures will be updated as requested by CMS.
- The protocol related to complaints received for HOPE Waiver participants residing in a provider owned and operated setting will be updated to align with complaints received against providers of HOPE Waiver participants residing in the home.

The following are Considerations in which a final decision will be made prior to submission of the HOPE Waive application to DSS for review:

- Implementing a cost limit.
- Implementing self-direction as an option for HOPE Waiver participants.
- Reviewing rate methodologies for Adult Day and Structured Family Caregiving (SFC)