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Public Forum Slated for Community Waiver Program 1115(a) Special Terms and Conditions

The Alabama Medicaid Agency invites providers, recipients, advocates, and other interested individuals to provide input during a public forum on the Community Waiver Program (CWP) 1115(a) Special Terms and Conditions (STCs).

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

Comments will be received during a public forum on Wednesday, April 13th at 10 AM and 1 PM, virtually via Webex.

Webex Meeting – April 13, 2022	
10:00 a.m.	https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=m0d7f8ae48797ca01f8a85b2617ce5e2f
Meeting Number	2595 248 4173
Meeting Password	JoinAMAmeeeting
Join by Phone	1-650-479-3208

Webex Meeting – April 13, 2022	
1:00 p.m.	https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=mbf874c785505731407eeafd6e1bb4ebe
Meeting Number	2590 397 0312
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The Community Waiver Program targets persons with intellectual disabilities not currently receiving services through the current Home and Community-Based Services Waivers, including the persons currently on the waiting list for the existing Intellectual Disabilities or Living at Home Waivers. The new waiver program offers services in five enrollment groups, based on age and relative independence, each with a set of services designed particularly to serve them. The Community Waiver Program 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 Community Waiver Program (CWP) include, but are not limited to the following:

- Improve access to care by reducing and eventually eliminating the current waiting list for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS).
- 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 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 Community Waiver Program (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
- **Alabama Department of Mental Health:**
<https://mh.alabama.gov/community-waiver-program/>