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Community Waiver Program (CWP) Public Forum Notice

The Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid) invites providers, recipients, advocates, and other interested individuals to provide input during a public forum on the progress of the Community Waiver Program (CWP). A draft of the annual monitoring report for the CWP demonstration year three is available for review.

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.

Comments will be received during a public forum on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., virtually via Webex. Please be advised that an ASL interpreter will be provided during the specified times set for the forum.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 9 a.m.-10 a.m.	**To Join Online** https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=maa80a809e3228a9fb06102773063d634 Meeting Number (access code): 2664 530 7614 Meeting Password: AMA123!	**To Join by Phone** Dial: 1-650-479-3208 (US Toll) Meeting Number (access code): 2664 530 7614 Meeting Password: AMA123!
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 1 p.m.- 2 p.m.	**To Join Online** https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=m0050090ae83114645be6d65571de9542 Meeting Number (access code): 2664 874 5444 Meeting Password: AMA123!	**To Join by Phone** Dial: 1-650-479-3208 Meeting Number (access code): 2664 874 5444 Meeting Password: AMA123!

CWP targets persons with intellectual disabilities (ID) not currently receiving services through the current HCBS waivers, including the persons currently on the waiting list for the existing Intellectual Disabilities or Living at Home 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. 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.
- 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 must 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

- **Alabama Department of Mental Health**: https://mh.alabama.gov/community-waiver-program/