

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE**PUBLIC NOTICE****PROPOSED MEDICAID WAIVER GOVERNING NON-EMERGENCY
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES for 1915(c) INTELLECTUALLY AND
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED (ID/DD) WAIVER PARTICIPANTS**

The Director of the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), pursuant to the authority set forth in An Act to enable the District of Columbia (District) to receive federal financial assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for a medical assistance program, and for other purposes approved December 27, 1967 (81 Stat.744; D.C. Official Code § 1-307.02 (2012 Repl. & 2014 Supp.)) and Section 6(6) of the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code § 7-771.05(6) (2012 Repl.)), hereby gives notice of DHCF's intent to submit a 1915(b)(4) Waiver for Non-Emergency Transportation Services for 1915(c) ID/DD Waiver Participants to the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for review and approval.

Program Overview

DHCF contracts with a broker to manage and administer non-emergency transportation (NET) services provided to individuals enrolled in the ID/DD Waiver. Pursuant to Section 1915(b)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396n(b)(4)), the fee-for-service (FFS) Selective Contracting option for NET services does not discriminate among classes of providers and ensures that the broker is paid on a timely basis.

NET services are available to eligible participants in the 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver for the ID/DD. As required under the contract between DHCF and the NET services broker, the NET services broker must ensure that there is an adequate network of providers with sufficient equipment to provide services to this population. The contract requires the NET services broker to ensure that its transportation providers maintain various types of vehicles (ambulatory vans, wheelchair vans, and stretcher van vehicles). Currently, the non-emergency transportation network consists of approximately 245 individual vehicles. In addition, the contract supports average utilization by approximately 950 unique participants per month and is priced according to a capitated rate (per participant per month). If utilization increases during the remaining period of performance, then DHCF and the NET services broker can amend the contract to accommodate the change.

While the District employs the same contractor to broker NET services for the FFS population the NET services covered under this 1915(b)(4) waiver do not duplicate state plan services. NET services proposed in the Waiver application have been designed to meet the unique needs of the ID/DD population. In addition to transportation to health care appointments, NET services are provided to enable beneficiaries to gain access to ID/DD Waiver and other community services, activities and resources specified in the enrollees individual habilitation plan or individual support plan (ISP).

The projected budget for this waiver is approximately \$11.6 million in FY 2016. Thirty percent (30%) of this amount—approximately \$3.48 million— will be paid using local District funds. The remaining funds will be covered through a federal budget match.

For further information or questions regarding the Medicaid 1915(b)(4) Waiver for Non-Emergency Transportation Services for 1915(c) ID/DD Waiver Participants, please contact Antonio Lacey, DDS, Program Analyst, Department of Health Care Finance, by telephone at (202) 442-5847, or e-mail at Antonio.lacey@dc.gov

Comments on the proposed waiver shall be submitted, in writing, to Claudia Schlosberg, Senior Deputy Director/State Medicaid Director, Department of Health Care Finance, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, via telephone on (202) 442-8742, via email at DHCFPubliccomments@dc.gov, or online at www.dcregs.dc.gov, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Copies of the proposed waiver may be obtained by contacting Marie Dorelus at (202) 724-5382 or marie.dorelus@dc.gov.