

120-day Continuity of Care Waiver for Community and Employment Services Waiver members

Background or summary of change: For the March 1, 2019, implementation of the PASSE program in Arkansas, Summit Community Care is adopting a 120-day Continuity of Care Waiver for all members in the Community and Employment Services (CES) Waiver Program. No service will be denied for absence of authorization where waiver services were in place and authorized by the Arkansas Department of Human Services prior to implementation. Rates/payments established within the current waivers will be paid by Summit Community Care through the 120-day period.

The Continuity of Care Waiver applies to both participating and nonparticipating CES Waiver providers. The CES Waiver rates approved prior to the March 1, 2019, start date will be paid through June 30, 2019, while Summit Community Care reviews claims to establish a new rate methodology (i.e., fee schedule). At the end of the implementation waiver, all CES Waiver plans (regardless of when they were authorized or reviewed) will be paid at the new rates. Providers will be notified of the new fee schedule/rate at least 21 days before July 1, 2019.

✦ **What this means to you:** In order to ensure appropriate processing of these claims during the Continuity of Care Implementation Waiver period, continue to use the appropriate HCPCS/CPT codes for these services.

To stagger the authorization process, all CES Waivers with expiration dates during the 120-day period will be reviewed:

- By a care coordinator for the development of a new person-centered service plan.
- By utilization management for service authorizations.

Providers should submit budget sheets and other documentation justifying care members to receive the same waiver option as CES Waiver members. Care coordinators will still complete the person-centered service plan with the provider and member.

How long will the waiver last?

The CES Waiver continuity of care waiver begins on March 1, 2019, and runs through June 30, 2019. At the end of the implementation waiver, all CES Waiver plans will begin being paid at the new rates regardless of when the CES Waiver was authorized or reviewed.

Our continuity of care policy aims to ensure there is no lapse in care coordinated or previously authorized for newly added Summit Community Care members.

Effective July 1, 2019, prior authorization for continuity of care will be required. Providers need to contact Summit Community Care for new authorizations.

What resources are available to me?

More information can be found by visiting the provider website at <https://www.summitcommunitycare.com/provider> or by calling Provider Services toll free at 1 844-462-0022.