

IHO Waiver Renewal Public Meeting Questions and Answers

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Question:

Q: Are we removing IHSS Public Authorities as waiver providers

A: Yes, we are removing IHSS Public Authorities as waiver providers because they haven't been utilized by the waiver.

Q: How does the IHSS overtime although it's been put on hold affect the IHO waiver caps and will the cap be increased?

A: The IHO overtime per federal statute has been on hold and we are not taking any action that at this time until it's clarified through the courts and the waiver cap at this point will not be changing. The IHO and NF/AH waiver are not changing in reference to the cost cap at this time.

Q: Will there be a plan to change the cost cap in the future? Every time the IHSS wage increases I get a decrease in IHO LVN hours because the cost cap has not been increased.

A: We may increase at a certain point in time in the future. We do not know when that would occur. We would have to discuss this with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), we would have to have stakeholders meetings and discuss this with you folks. At this point and time we are not doing this, but in the future there may be a possibility.

Q: Do the services we currently get are they being reduced or changed at all?

A: We are not changing any services or benefits that we currently provide in the In-Home Operations Waiver.

Q: Even as the IHSS hourly rate increases will there be any rate changes?

A: The hourly rate will change effective January 1, 2016. Waiver personal care providers that receive less than \$10.00/ hour will increase to \$10.00 effective January 1, 2016.