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## **UPDATE ON MEDICLALY FRAGILE TECHNOLOGY DEPENDENT (MFTD) WAIVER RENEWAL**

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### **RE: Adding Nursing by a Licensed Legally Responsible Adult as a Permanent Waiver Service**

Nursing by a Licensed Legally Responsible Adult (LRA) has been allowed during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).

Through the renewal process of the MFTD waiver, the State has been working with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to make this a permanent waiver service. The current waiver is due to expire on August 31, 2022.

CMS has asked for additional time to further review the State's request to add this as a permanent waiver service. CMS is aware of the strong advocacy and support of this service from waiver customers, families, UIC, DSCC, and HFS. It is their intention to support the State in this endeavor; however, their review will not be completed by the waiver expiration date.

In the interim, nursing by a Licensed LRA will continue to be funded through Appendix K for six months after the PHE ends, which is currently October 2022. If the PHE is again extended, this service would continue to be funded through Appendix K.

This timeframe will allow more time for CMS to review and work towards approval as a permanent waiver service.