



DDSN Executive Memo

**TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF DSN BOARD WITH CASE MANAGEMENT
CEOS OF CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDERS WITH CASE MANAGEMENT
CASE MANAGEMENT SUPERVISORS**

FROM: SUSAN KREH BECK, ED.S., LPES, NCSP, ASSOCIATE STATE DIRECTOR-POLICY *SKB*

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2021

**RE: Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver Waiting List and Reserved Capacity
Categories**

The purpose of this memo is to note the implementation of a HASCI Waiver Waiting List and to outline corresponding updates to the HASCI Waiver Manual.

As reported at the November 19, 2020, DSN Commission Meeting, current appropriations for HASCI Waiver slots have been exhausted. As a result, and absent approval of additional funding from the General Assembly, the DSN Commission voted to implement a HASCI Waiver Waiting List.

In its most recent HASCI Waiver Amendment, DHHS updated the HASCI Waiver waiting list criteria to remove the "urgent" slot request status, and replace this with several Reserved Capacity categories. Individuals who previously would have qualified for Urgent Status, will now qualify under a Reserved Capacity category. Based on the current HASCI Waiver Document, individuals in the following situations qualify for Reserved Capacity and will be enrolled on a priority basis (bypassing the waiting list): at risk of serious and imminent harm, institutional transitions, residential service applicants, foster care, and military.

Because there has been no HASCI Waiver Waiting List since approval of the amendment, the new Reserved Capacity categories were not yet implemented, as slots were allocated at the time of request. With the implementation of the HASCI Waiver Waiting List, consideration to Reserved Capacity requests will now be necessary.

The HASCI Waiver Manual has been updated to reflect these changes. Questions regarding these changes should be directed to Melissa Ritter at mr Ritter@ddsn.sc.gov or (803) 898-5120.