

Now Available: Amendments to the Consolidated, Community Living, AND Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waivers Submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) ODP Announcement 21-035

AUDIENCE:

- Individuals and Families
- Providers of Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waiver services
- Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs)
- Administrative Entities (AEs)
- Other interested persons

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this communication is to inform all interested parties of the submission of the proposed amendments to the Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waivers to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). It is anticipated that the amendments will be effective July 1, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is pleased to announce that the amendments for the Consolidated and P/FDS waivers were submitted to CMS on April 13, 2021 and the Community Living waiver was submitted to CMS on April 20, 2021. The submitted waivers include modifications that were made as a result of public comment received by about 160 stakeholders which included individuals and self-advocates, families, agencies, and organizations. Each full waiver application, as well as a side-by-side of substantive changes made as a result of public comment, is available online here <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Disabilities-Aging/Pages/Waiver-Amendments.aspx>. CMS has 90 days to review the amendments and changes may occur to the content based upon discussion with CMS during the approval process. It is anticipated that the

waiver amendments will be approved and effective July 1, 2021. ODP will inform all stakeholders when CMS has officially approved the Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS waivers and will make the approved waivers available at that time.

In addition, ODP is currently preparing the renewal of the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW). The renewal is expected to be effective July 1, 2021. The proposed changes in the amendment, including modifications that were made as a result of public comment, will be submitted to CMS with the submission of the waiver renewal application. Once the renewal application for the Adult Autism Waiver is submitted to CMS for review, ODP will notify all stakeholders of the submission and post the renewal application online.

January 2022 Waiver Amendments

The July 2021 proposed waiver amendments that were published for public comment contained amendments relating to remote service delivery, services while a participant is hospitalized, and the allowance for Supports Coordination Organizations to be Organized Health Care Delivery Systems. Since Appendix K is still in effect, ODP did not include these amendments in the July 2021 submission to CMS. Those proposed amendments and public comments will be reviewed and considered for a waiver amendment that will be effective in January 2022.

CONTACT:

Questions about this communication should be directed to the appropriate ODP Regional Office.