

Now Available: Amendments to the Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS Waivers Approved by CMS

ODP Announcement 19-130

AUDIENCE:

Individuals and families, Administrative Entities, Supports Coordination Organizations, Providers of Consolidated, Community Living or Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waiver Services

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this communication is to inform all interested parties of the approval of the amendments to the Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS waivers (hereafter referred to as the Intellectual Disability and Autism (ID/A) waivers) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The ID/A waiver amendments are available on the Department of Human Services website. The waiver amendments became effective October 1, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is pleased to announce that the amendments to the ID/A waivers were approved by CMS on September 24, 2019. As communicated in ODP Announcement 19-102, the ID/A waiver amendments were submitted to CMS on July 19, 2019. Since that time, ODP has been engaged in ongoing discussions with CMS. One substantive change was made as follows to allow indirect activities to be rendered on behalf of an individual as part of the Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Service in all ID/A waivers based on those discussions:

Housing Transition services are direct and indirect services provided to participants. Indirect activities that cannot be billed include driving to appointments, completing service notes and progress notes, and exploring resources and developing relationships that are not specific to

a participant's needs as these activities are included in the rate. The following direct and indirect activities are billable under Housing Transition:

- Conducting a tenant screening and housing assessment that identifies the participant's preferences and barriers related to successful tenancy. The assessment may include collecting information on potential housing transition barriers, and identification of housing retention barriers... (There was no change to the list of activities covered under Housing Transition. Please see the service definition for the full list of activities.)

Each full waiver application approved by CMS is available as follows:

Community Living Waiver

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/communitylivingwaiver/index.htm>

Consolidated Waiver

<http://dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/consolidatedwaiverforindividualswithintellectualdisabilities/index.htm>

Person/Family Directed Support Waiver

<http://dhs.pa.gov/learnaboutdhs/waiverinformation/personfamilydirectedsupportwaiver/index.htm>

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