

## Now Available: Amendment to the Adult Autism Waiver Approved by CMS ODP Announcement 19-162

### AUDIENCE:

Individuals and Families, Administrative Entities (AEs), Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs) and Providers of the Adult Autism Waiver, and other interested parties.

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this communication is to inform all interested parties of the approval of the amendment to the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The AAW amendment is available on the Department of Human Services' (DHS) website. The waiver amendment is effective January 1, 2020.

### DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is pleased to announce that the amendment to the AAW was approved by CMS on December 10, 2019. As communicated in ODP Announcement 19-136, the AAW amendment was submitted to CMS on October 15, 2019. Since that time, ODP has been engaged in ongoing discussions with CMS. Substantive changes were made as a result of those discussions and are highlighted in orange on the Side-by-Side of the AAW. The full waiver application approved by CMS and the Side-by-Side of substantive changes are available on the DHS website at the following location:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Disabilities-Aging/Pages/Adult%20Autism%20Waiver.aspx>

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