

## Public Notice Summary: PASSPORT and Assisted Living

### 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver Amendments

The purpose of this communication is to provide notification of two proposed amendments to Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) 1915(c) Home and Community Based (HCBS) waivers, and to notify the public of the opportunity to provide input prior to submitting the waiver applications to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for consideration.

A summary of the changes is listed below:

- The state is seeking to accommodate natural enrollment into two ODA 1915(c) Medicaid waivers, **PASSPORT and Assisted Living**, by increasing the slots available to individuals in each waiver.
  - In an effort to improve beneficiary health and welfare, CMS has modified the quality measures and reporting requirements for 1915 (c) HCBS waivers. To meet new requirements, the state is updating the performance measures under the sub-assurances in Appendix G, Participant Safeguards, for both the **PASSPORT and Assisted Living** Medicaid waivers.
  - The state is continuing efforts to align and harmonize its HCBS Medicaid waivers. In order to facilitate the transfer of individuals between one Medicaid waiver and another, language is inserted which provides reciprocity between state operating agencies, for both the **PASSPORT and Assisted Living** Medicaid waivers.
  - The state is seeking to revise the PASSPORT Home Medical Equipment Service policy to include coverage of modifications to vehicles. The state currently covers the cost of vehicle modifications for individuals who participate in the Ohio Home Care Waiver (OHCW). As individuals served under the OHCW turn age 60 and are enrolled into the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, it is important to expand the array of services in the **PASSPORT** Medicaid waiver to meet the needs of all participants.
-