

Public Notice Summary: Ohio Home Care Waiver

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

The purpose of this communication is to provide notification of the proposed amendment of the 1915(c) Home and Community Based (HCBS) waiver, the Ohio Home Care Waiver, administered by the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), and to notify the public of the opportunity to provide input prior to submitting the waiver application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for consideration.

The most significant areas addressed in the proposed amendment include:

- The addition of new home and community-based setting and person-centered service planning requirements that conform with new HCBS regulations issued by CMS (**See Waiver Description, Attachment #2, Optional Page and Appendix D**);
- Updates to the use of contracted entities, i.e., the Ohio Home Care Waiver's multiple case management and provider oversight structures and functions, and the development of the ODM-approved assessment and case management system (**See Waiver Description, and Appendices A and C**);
- Changes to Ohio's Medicaid level of care determination process that conform with new Ohio Administrative Code rules that will be enacted upon implementation of the new ODM-approved assessment and case management system (**See Appendix B**);
- Updates regarding the process for transitioning individuals reaching the maximum age of Ohio Home Care Waiver eligibility (**See Appendix B**);
- The addition of new policy that permits the enrollment of individuals disenrolling from another NF-LOC waiver in certain circumstances (**See Appendix B**); and
- Revisions to the waiver's quality improvement strategy and the addition of new performance measures (**See Appendices A, B, C, D, G, H and I**).

The proposed amendment also makes the Ohio Home Care Waiver current with administrative policies governing such things as criminal record checks and abuse registry screening requirements, the provision of waiver nursing services, incident management and participant safeguards, and it updates terminology, Ohio Revised Code cites and Ohio Administrative Code rule cites.