



# Announcement

## Waiver Amendment Implementation

### Delay Implementation of Fourth Waiver Amendments for ODP Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers Effective July 1, 2015

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*The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives.*

**AUDIENCE:** Individuals and Families, Administrative Entities (AEs), Supports Coordinators (SCs), SC Supervisors, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs), Providers, and other interested parties.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this announcement is to inform all interested parties that the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) **has not** received approval from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the fourth set of waiver amendments to the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers. The proposed effective date of these amendments is July 1, 2015. The new clarifications and requirements contained in these waiver amendments should not be implemented until ODP has received approval from CMS.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

As discussed in Announcement 039-15 “*NOW AVAILABLE: Fourth Waiver Amendments Submitted to CMS for ODP Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers Effective July 1, 2015*”, ODP submitted amendments to CMS for the Consolidated and P/FDS Waivers on April 23, 2015. This announcement provided a summary of the notable changes contained in these amendments.

In accordance with 42 CFR §430.25(f)(3), CMS has no more than 90 calendar days within which to approve or deny an amendment request or alternatively issue a written request for

additional information. CMS may also request that changes be made to the content of the waiver amendments during this 90-day period. This could include a later effective date for the waiver amendments. The 90-day clock starts on the day that CMS receives the request. CMS has until July 22, 2015 to approve, deny, request changes or issue a written request for additional information for these waiver amendments. As a result, Administrative Entities, Supports Coordination Organizations and providers should delay implementing any new requirements contained in these amendments until ODP communicates receipt of CMS approval of the amendments.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver amendment process or the information contained in this announcement, please email [RA-odpcomment@pa.gov](mailto:RA-odpcomment@pa.gov).