



ODP Communication

Guidance on Vocational Skill Development in the Community Living Waiver

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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: Administrative Entities (AEs), Supports Coordinators (SCs), SC Supervisors, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs), Providers of Community Participation Support, and other interested parties.

PURPOSE: To inform interested parties of a change that will be made in the Community Living Waiver regarding an 18 month limitation on vocational skill development in Community Participation Support service definition.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Living Waiver service definition for Community Participation Support includes the following language: “Effective 7/1/18, the vocational skill development activities allowable as part of Community Participation Support may be authorized on a service plan for no longer than 18 months. Prior to authorizing vocational skill development on a service plan, a variance must be completed in accordance with ODP policy.”

In further consultation with stakeholders prior to amendments to the Consolidated and P/FDS waivers to align requirements, **ODP has determined that we will not implement this requirement for vocational skill development.** The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is issuing this communication to inform interested parties that ODP intends to remove the above language from the Community Living Waiver through an upcoming waiver amendment which will be issued for public comment.

CONTACT: Questions about this communication should be directed to RA-odpcomment@pa.gov