



# ODP Announcement

## Public Comment Opportunity – Waiver Amendments and Transportation (Per Trip) Fee Schedule Rates

### ODP Communication Number 059-18

*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, Supports Coordination Organizations and Providers of Consolidated, Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) and Community Living Waiver services.

**PURPOSE:** To announce that proposed amendments to the Consolidated, P/FDS and Community Living Waivers effective November 1, 2018, as well as new proposed Fee Schedule Rates for Transportation (per trip) effective January 1, 2019, are available for public review and comment. **There is a 30-day public comment period that starts on June 23, 2018 and ends on July 23, 2018.**

**DISCUSSION:** The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is pleased to announce the opportunity for public comment on proposed changes to the Consolidated, P/FDS and Community Living Waivers. These changes (referred to as waiver amendments) are anticipated to be effective on November 1, 2018. As part of this process, ODP is seeking your valuable feedback and comments on the proposed waiver amendments.

Whenever substantive changes are made to an approved waiver, ODP must submit an amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval. ODP proposes to amend the Consolidated, P/FDS and Community Living Waivers effective November 1, 2018 as follows:

- Aligning eligibility requirements for individuals with autism, service definitions and provider qualification requirements in the Consolidated and P/FDS Waivers with the Community Living Waiver that was approved effective January 1, 2018.
- Transitioning rates for Transportation (per trip) to the Medical Assistance fee schedule effective January 1, 2019.

- Allowing relatives to provide Transportation (per trip) and adding Transportation (per trip) as an available service through Organized Health Care Delivery Systems.

[Click here to view the proposed amendments to the Consolidated, P/FDS and Community Living Waivers effective November 1, 2018.](#)

Information regarding the proposed waiver amendment changes, including how to provide comments, can be found in the [Pennsylvania Bulletin, Volume 48, Number 25 published on Saturday, June 23, 2018](#)

Information regarding the proposed Transportation (per trip) rates, including how to provide comments, can also be found in [the Pennsylvania Bulletin, Volume 48, Number 25 published on Saturday, June 23, 2018](#)

**COMMENTS:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed waiver amendments and Transportation (per trip) fee schedule rate as outlined below. Comments received by 11:59 p.m. on July 23, 2018 will be reviewed and considered for revisions to the waiver amendments submitted to CMS and the final Transportation (per trip) rates developed.

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#### Waiver Amendments:

Comments should be addressed to Julie Mochon, Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs, 625 Forster Street, Room 510, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Comments may also be submitted to ODP at [RA-odpcomment@pa.gov](mailto:RA-odpcomment@pa.gov).

#### Transportation (Per Trip) Fee Schedule Rates:

Comments may be submitted by email to the Office of Developmental Programs' rate-setting mailbox at [RA-ratesetting@pa.gov](mailto:RA-ratesetting@pa.gov). Use subject header "PN Fee Schedule".

Comments may also be submitted by mail to:  
Department of Human Services  
Office of Developmental Programs  
Division of Provider Assistance and Rate Setting  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Health and Welfare Building  
625 Forster Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

## Webinars

ODP will also hold two webinars to receive comments on the proposed waiver amendments. Dates, times and links for registration to attend these webinars are as follows:

- July 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- July 11, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[This link must be used to register for any of the above webinars.](#).. Participants are able to participate in the webinar by phone, but will need a computer to provide comments during the webinar. To assist ODP in accurately capturing comments provided during the webinars, individuals are asked to submit a written copy of their comments by email or to mail to the address provided above.

Persons with a disability who require an auxiliary aid or service may submit comments using the Pennsylvania Relay Service by dialing 711 or by using one of the following toll free numbers:

- (800) 654-5984 (TDD users)
- (800) 654-5988 (voice users)
- (844) 308-9292 (Speech-to-Speech)
- (844) 308-9291 (Spanish)

Copies of the proposed waiver amendments may be obtained at the Office of Developmental Programs in the corresponding regions:

- *Western Region:* Piatt Place, Room 4900, 301 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, (412) 565-5144
- *Northeast Region:* Room 315, Scranton State Office Building, 100 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503, (570) 963-4749
- *Southeast Region:* 801 Market Street, Suite 5071, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 560-2242 or (215) 560-2245
- *Central Region:* P.O. Box 2675, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 772-6507

**CONTACT:** Questions about this communication should be directed to [RA-odpcomment@pa.gov](mailto:RA-odpcomment@pa.gov)