

# Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) Amendment Effective January 1, 2023

Overview Training - February 6, 2023



## Agenda



- New AAW Service Remote Supports
- Direct AAW services provided via teleservices
- Changes to other AAW services:
  - Assistive Technology
  - Supported Employment
  - Supports Coordination
  - Life Sharing
  - Home Modifications
  - Transportation
- ODP Travel Policy
- Reserved Capacity

#### Comparison: Remote Supports vs. Teleservices vs. AT



#### **Remote Supports**

- New waiver service
- Use of technology to monitor and respond, as needed
- Used when direct service delivery is not needed (the individual is mostly independent or uses unpaid supports)

#### **Teleservices**

- The use of technology to actively engage with an individual during waiver service delivery (direct service delivery)
- Live two-way communication

#### **Assistive Technology**

• An item, piece of equipment, or product system...that is used to increase, maintain, or improve an individual's functioning or increase their ability to exercise choice & control.



# New AAW Service: Remote Supports



## Remote Supports



- Uses technology that allows awake staff (with no other duties) who are not in the individual's home to monitor and respond to the individual's needs.
  - ➤ Staff must be physically located in the provider's secure facility
- Helps individuals to obtain and/or maintain independence & safety in their own home & community and decrease the need for assistance from others.
- Used during times when the individual does not require direct services
- \*Internet is not covered as part of Remote Supports

## **Overview of Remote Supports**



- Examples of provider responsibility
  - Develop plans for implementation, malfunctions
  - Training on use of devices
  - Maintenance and repairs
- Transition Period
  - Individuals starting to use Remote Supports and need help may receive in-person services (Community Support or Respite) for the first 120 calendar days
- Residential Services
  - May receive Assistive Technology for the delivery of remote supports as part of Res Hab/Life Sharing
  - Remote Supports not permitted as discrete service

## **Next Steps for Remote Supports**

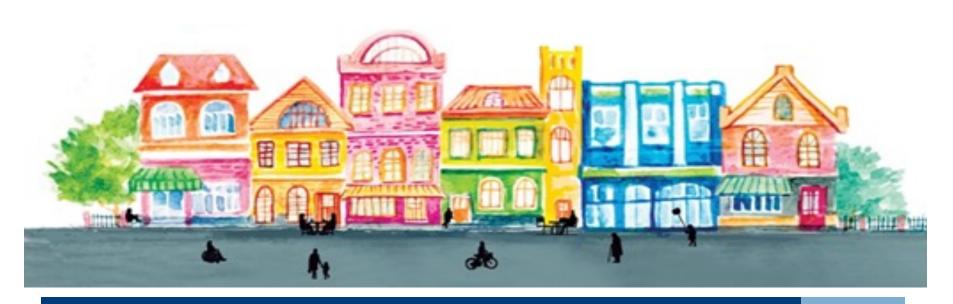


• ODP communication re: Adding Remote Supports to an ISP

ODP Remote Supports webinar



# **Teleservices**



#### **Teleservices**



Teleservices are the delivery of direct services using remote technology.

Will become effective 6 months after expiration of the public health emergency

## Day Habilitation

Supported Employment

Career Planning

Specialized Skill Development

Therapies (Speech/Language, Counseling)

**Nutritional Consultation** 

\*Supports Coordination

## Day Habilitation Teleservices



- May be rendered in private homes
- May only be rendered in a Residential Habilitation home when the participant:
  - ➤ Routinely participates in Day Habilitation services in-person outside the home; and
  - ➤ Has a medical or behavioral condition that precludes their inperson participation for a temporary period of time not to exceed 26 consecutive weeks.

\*Maximum of 520 hours (2080 15-minute units) of Day Habilitation teleservices per fiscal year (regardless of setting)



# General Guidelines for Remote Supports & Teleservices



### Remote Supports & Teleservices General Guidelines



- Individual has informed choice
- Must meet an individual's needs and goals
- No recording of live interactions via audio or video
- Devices must have indicator that lets the individual know it is on
- Individual and anyone else residing in the home must understand the impact on privacy
- Must have a back-up plan

#### Remote Supports & Teleservices: Bedrooms & Bathrooms



- Video monitoring is not allowed in bedrooms or bathrooms
- Live audio prompts needed by the individual in the bathroom or bedroom are allowed
  - Individual must be alerted before the audio is on unless individual turns it on themselves.
- Live real-time video communication may only occur in the bedroom when:
  - > Individual has chosen to receive services in their bedroom
  - > Individual can turn the device on and off
  - Bedroom is not shared
  - Not used when privacy is needed



# **Changes to Other AAW Services**



## Assistive Technology



- Generators added for participant's primary residence
  - \$5,000 lifetime limit
  - Counts against \$10,000 lifetime limit
- Exception to \$10,000 lifetime limit
- Changes in service definition to align with ID/A waivers

## **Employment Services**



## **Supported Employment:**

May now be rendered when the individual is traveling out of state for work-related trips such as for a training, conference, or business trip



Supported Employment, Career Planning and Small Group Employment: Clarified provider qualifications to allow for mentoring in addition to "supervision" of a staff or individual who is working towards the competition of training or certification

## Transportation



• Expenditures for Transportation is limited to \$5,000 per participant's service plan year.



## Life Sharing with Relatives



- Life Sharing (licensed or unlicensed) has been expanded to be delivered by a relative.
- Who is considered a relative?
  - Parents
  - Children
  - Stepparents
  - Stepchildren
  - Grandparents
  - Grandchildren

- Brothers, sisters
- ► Half-brothers, half-sisters
- Aunts, uncles
- Nieces, nephews

### **Home Modifications**



• At least three bids must be obtained for home modifications that cost more than \$1,000.

• The least expensive bid must be chosen, unless there is documentation from the service plan team that justifies not choosing the lowest bid.

• Participants authorized to receive Residential Habilitation (Community Homes) may not be authorized to receive Home Modifications

## **Supports Coordination**



- Removed language about the types of assessments that are conducted and will provide this information in a policy.
- Clarified when face-to-face individual monitoring is required and when teleservice monitoring is allowed
  - One of the four required individual monitorings may be conducted remotely
  - Remote monitoring is <u>not</u> permitted for any individual receiving Residential Habilitation (Community Homes or Life Sharing)
  - See ODP Announcement 22-085 for more info



# **Provider Qualifications**



## Provider Qualifications – General



## **Agency Qualifications**

- Clarified which qualifications were specific to agency vs. specific to individual staff
- Aligned qualifications (where possible) with qualifications in ID/A waivers
- Used clearer language when describing requirements

## Individual staff qualifications:

- Removed the requirement for a HS diploma
- Added language on ISP training that is more specific

## SCO Qualifications – Agency



### **Supports Coordination Organizations must:**

- Function as a conflict-free entity
- Have conflict of interest disclosure statements
- Have sufficient SCO personnel to carry out all functions to operate
- Have the ability to utilize HCSIS
- Cooperate with Health Care Quality Units, independent monitoring teams, and other external monitoring conducted by ODP's designees

## SC Qualifications





- Bachelor's degree
- 12+ college credits in:
  Sociology, social work, psychology, gerontology, criminal justice, other related social service



- 1 year county/case management
- 12 college credits: Sociology, social work, psychology, gerontology, criminal justice, other related social service



- 2 years County
   Social Service
   Aide 3
- 2 years college: Sociology, social work, psychology, gerontology, criminal justice, other related social service



- 2 years professional experience
- 12 college credits: Sociology, social work, psychology, gerontology, criminal justice, other related social service

### Res Hab Provider Qualifications



### Updates to Provider Qualifications:

- Providers must be qualified and enrolled to provide Residential Habilitation/Life Sharing services in the Consolidated or Community Living Waiver
- Residential Habilitation Senior Management Personnel must be available at all times for response to emergency situations
- Residential staff must complete ODP-approved training on the common health conditions that may be associated with preventable deaths
- Residential providers must have a Supportive Technology
   Professional to ensure that remote supports provided as part of the residential service meets the needs of participants.



# **ODP Travel Policy**



## Travel Policy



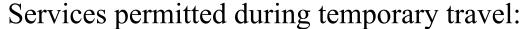
Temporary travel is defined as a day in which the participant visits another destination that is away from the participant's home.

- A day includes staying away from home for at least one overnight.
- A day is when the participant is traveling, and waiver services are rendered and reimbursed.



## Travel Policy





- Specialized Skill Development:
  - Behavioral Specialist
  - Systematic Skill Building
  - Community Support
- Residential Habilitation (licensed)
- Life Sharing
- Supports Coordination
- Respite

#### More information?

Appendix B of the Provider Information Table





# **AAW Reserved Capacity**



#### Reserved Capacity: State Centers and Incarceration



- Added categories for Reserved Capacity:
  - > Adults with ASD leaving a state center:
    - Resided in state center for 90 or more days
    - Declared ready for discharge
    - ➤ Discharge plan cites need for long-term supports
    - ➤ Participants who have been incarcerated for 6+ consecutive months:
      - Capacity may be reserved up to 180 days prior to expected date of release

### Reserved Capacity for Hospital/Rehabilitation



### Clarified language for Reserved Capacity:

- ➤ ODP reserves waiver capacity for participants requiring hospital/rehabilitation care up to 180 days from the first date of leave. Reserved capacity begins on:
  - ➤ Day 31 in medical and psychiatric hospital settings.
  - ➤ Day 1 in rehabilitation care programs and nursing homes.

## Next Steps



- Updated Provider Information Table
  - ODP Announcement 23-012
- Update Participant Handbook
- ODP webinar on Remote Supports
- ODP communication with instructions on adding Remote Supports to ISPs



