

Adult Autism Waiver Provider Information Table Reissued ODP Announcement 23-012

AUDIENCE:

All interested parties

PURPOSE:

To announce to interested parties that the most recent version of the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) Provider Information Table is now published.

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) has updated the AAW Provider Information Table to reflect changes made with the January 1, 2023, waiver amendment. Amended sections and new text in the table are highlighted in gray.

The updated Provider Information Table includes these highlights:

- Providing information on the delivery of direct services using remote technology (teleservices). This information includes waiver language, guidance and provider qualifications. The requirements in the AAW will become effective when Appendix K flexibilities expire, six months after the expiration of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Introducing the AAW Travel Policy, which defines what AAW considers temporary travel, when services can be provided, and which services are affected under this policy;

- Introducing Remote Services, a new service in the AAW. **NOTE:** A separate communication will be published in the coming weeks, providing instructions about how to add new Remote Supports procedure codes to Individual Support Plans (ISPs). Remote Supports should not be added to ISPs until this communication is published;
- Adding waiver language and guidance on relatives providing the Life Sharing component of Residential Habilitation;
- Providing clarification on the requirements for Supports Coordinators and in-person monitorings, as defined in [ODP Announcement 22-085](#);
- Noting the responsibility of Residential Habilitation providers to complete and update the Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) for the individuals they serve;
- Including the Place of Service codes and Electronic Visit Verification information for each service definition;
- Adding other changes designed to align the AAW, where practical, more closely with the Consolidated, Person/Family Directed Support and Community Living waivers; and
- Expanding sections on provider qualifications for each service.

Providers are reminded that they are responsible for being aware of any changes to definitions of services they provide and ensuring that individuals who furnish direct services are fully qualified prior to providing services to AAW participants.

The AAW effective January 1, 2023, is available on the Department of Human Services' website or by clicking [here](#). The Provider Information Table is attached to this announcement; it is also available by clicking [here](#).

With the release of this announcement, ODP Announcement 22-038: Adult Autism Waiver Provider Information Table Updated will be obsolete.

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Attachment: *Adult Autism Waiver Provider Information Table (Updated January 1, 2023)*