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AUDIENCE:

Individuals and Families, Providers of AAW services, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs), and other interested parties.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this communication is to inform all interested parties of the submission of a proposed amendment to the AAW to CMS.

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is pleased to announce that an amendment to the AAW was submitted to CMS on July 26, 2024. The submitted amendment includes all proposed changes as well as clarifications to the proposed new American Sign Language-English Interpreter service. These clarifications were added as the result of public comments. All changes to the AAW submitted to CMS are outlined in the record of change document. The full AAW application, as well as the record of change, is available online at <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/departments-offices/odp-info/proposed-waiver-amendments.html>.

CMS has 90 days to review the amendment and changes may occur based upon discussion with CMS during the approval process. It is anticipated that the waiver amendment will be approved and effective January 1, 2025. ODP will inform all stakeholders when CMS officially approves the amendment and will make the approved waiver available to the public at that time.

CONTACT:

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