

Listening Sessions for Renewal of the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) effective July 1, 2026

ODP Announcement 25-017 **UPDATE**

AUDIENCE:

All interested persons

PURPOSE:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) will be holding 2 webinars to give all stakeholders and interested persons the opportunity to voice ideas for updating and improving the AAW. **To notify the field that there has been a change in the platform being used to host this listening session, and the previously published registration links are obsolete.**

DISCUSSION:

The AAW is approved for a five-year period which expires on June 30, 2026. As a result, ODP is required to apply for renewal of this waiver with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

To develop the AAW renewal, it is important for ODP to hear your ideas and suggestions for updating and improving the AAW. ODP has scheduled two webinars to give a brief overview of the waiver renewal process, with additional time reserved for your valuable input.

Registration is required for each session. Due to limited space, we ask that you only register for one session which is most pertinent to your role or involvement with the

AAW. Participation in the webinar sessions may also be by phone. When registering for the session, you must indicate that you would like to voice your ideas. To allow everyone an opportunity to provide verbal input, participants will be given a limited amount of time to provide their comments during the session. Comment time per participant will be no more than 5 minutes but could be less depending on the number of people registered.

For those who prefer to communicate in writing, or are unable to provide input during one of the Listening Sessions, ODP welcomes you to send your ideas to one of the following:

- **Email:** RA-odpcomment@pa.gov
- **Mail:** Megan Ham, Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs, 625 Forster Street, Room 510, Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Listening Sessions are not meant to replace the public comment process. Any proposed changes in the waivers will be published for public comment prior to submission to CMS for approval. At this beginning stage of waiver renewal development, ODP is looking only for input on updates and changes stakeholders desire to see in the waivers.

The following are the dates, times, and registration links and intended audience for each of the webinars:

There has been a change in the platform being used to host this Listening Session. If you are currently registered, we will register you in the new platform and you will receive a new link to attend via email. If you have not yet registered, please use the links below to register.

Audience	Date and Time	Registration Link
Providers	Thursday, March 6 th 1pm-2pm	AAW 2026 Waiver Renewal Session for Providers
Participants and Families	Tuesday, March 4 th 5pm-6pm	AAW 2026 Waiver Renewal Session for Participants and Families

CONTACT:

Questions regarding this communication can be sent to RA-odpcomment@pa.gov.