

Public Notice Summary

PASSPORT Waiver Renewal

Background

In order to operate a Home and Community-based (HCBS) Waiver Program, the state must submit an initial waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Continuation of a waiver requires that the state submit a five-year waiver renewal application submitted at least 90 calendar days in advance of the approved waiver's expiration date. In addition, a 30 day public comment period is required prior to submission.

PASSPORT Waiver Renewal

The PASSPORT waiver expires 6/30/2018. In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Medicaid, the Department of Aging has prepared the waiver renewal package.

No significant changes in waiver design, administration, operations, or quality strategy are proposed in the renewal application. The waiver renewal includes:

- New unduplicated enrollment projections in Appendix B-3-a.
- New reserved capacity slots in Appendix B-3-c.
- New self-direction projections in Appendix E-1-n
- New cost neutrality estimates in Appendix J-2-a, -b, -c and -d.

A complete summary of the changes is outlined under **Major Changes** on page 1 of the waiver application.

Public Input Requested

The state is posting the PASSPORT renewal application for the public's review and comment prior to submitting the request to renew the PASSPORT waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid .