

**Public Notice Summary: PASSPORT  
1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services  
Medicaid Waiver Amendment**

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The purpose of this communication is to provide notification of a proposed amendment to the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) 1915(c) Home and Community Based (HCBS) PASSPORT waiver, and to notify the public of the opportunity to provide input prior to submitting the waiver application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for consideration.

A summary of the changes is listed below:

- The state is seeking to expand community-based service options in the Medicaid waiver PASSPORT through the addition of a new Shared Living service.
  - The Shared Living service will provide a live-in caregiver for PASSPORT recipients who need assistance with self-management and the presence of another person (occasional or continuous) in order to assure their health and safety. The Shared Living service includes personal care, chore, individual living assistance and homemaker tasks appropriate to an individual's needs. The shared living service also assists individuals with managing the household, handling personal affairs, and self-administration of medications.
  - Shared living promotes an individual's independence and participation in the community, and could delay an individual's admission to a nursing facility, subsequently reducing the costs of long-term care services.
  - Updates have been made throughout the waiver to support the inclusion of the shared living service. In addition, the utilization and expenditure projections in Appendix J of the waiver have been revised.
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