

Summary

Ohio Home Care Waiver Amendment

Background

An approved home and community-based (HCBS) waiver must be kept in synchronization with the state waiver policies, practices, procedures, and operations. Whenever there is a change that affects an element of an approved home and community-based waiver, the state must submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) an amendment to the waiver. Amendments to an approved waiver may be submitted at any time. CMS has 90 calendar days to approve or disapprove the amendment or formally request additional information from the state in order to make a decision.

Summary of the Proposed Amendment

An amendment to the Ohio Home Care Waiver is proposed with a requested effective date of July 1, 2020. The purpose for the amendment is to adopt policies consistent with the My Care Ohio, PASSPORT and Assisted Living HCBS waivers. It is the result of collaboration between the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the Ohio Department of Aging.

The substantive changes proposed in the amendment are described below. A complete summary of the changes is outlined under Major Changes on Page 1 of the waiver application.

Public Input

The State is posting the Ohio Home Care Waiver amendment application for the public's review and comment prior to submitting the proposed amendment to CMS for consideration.

Appendix A – Waiver Administration and Operation

- Updating of the description of the components of the administrative oversight function.

Appendix C – Participant Services

- Elimination of the Supplemental Adaptive and Assistive Device service.
- Establishment of two new services: the Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Devices service, and the Vehicle modifications service.
- Establishment of service limitations for the Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Device service, and the Vehicle Modification service.
- Establishment of requirement regarding successful completion of ODM-mandated new provider training within 90 days of provider enrollment.

Appendix D – Participant-Centered Service Planning and Service Delivery

- Replacement of the “Acknowledgement of Responsibility” form with the “Health and Safety Action Plan.”

Appendix G – Participant Safeguards

- Critical incident reporting requirements are being updated to align with Ohio Administrative Code requirements.
- Modification of performance measure regarding unexplained deaths to be consistent with the current incident management rule.
- Updating of remediation strategy when problems are identified.

Appendix H – Quality Improvement Strategy

- Updating of the description of the components of the quality improvement strategy.

Appendix I – Financial Accountability

- Addition of rate setting methodology descriptions for the Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Device service, and the Vehicle Modification service.

Appendix J – Cost Neutrality Demonstration

- Updating of the cost neutrality projections.