

Summary

PASSPORT 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 PASSPORT Waiver is proposed with a requested effective date of July 1, 2021. The purpose for the amendment is to adopt policies consistent with the My Care Ohio, Ohio Home Care and Assisted Living HCBS waivers. It is the result of collaboration with 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 PASSPORT 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 B – Participant Access and Eligibility

- **Adding reserve capacity**

Appendix G – Participant Safeguards

- Critical incident reporting requirements are being updated to align with Ohio Administrative Code requirements.
- Performance Measures are being replaced to align with measures across all seven of Ohio's HCBS waivers.

Appendix H – Quality Improvement Strategy

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