

Public Notice Summary

MyCare Ohio 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 MyCare Ohio Waiver is proposed with a requested effective date of July 1, 2020. The purpose for the amendment is to adopt policies consistent with the Ohio Home Care, PASSPORT, 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 MyCare Ohio 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

- Modified performance measure to reflect changes due to process changes and efficiencies gained due to use of the State's incident management system.

Appendix C – Participant Services

- Elimination of the Home Medical Equipment and Supplemental Adaptive and Assistive Device service.
- Establishment of two new services: Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Devices; and Vehicle modifications.

Appendix E – Participant Direction of Services

- Assigning budget authority to Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies, and Devices; and to Vehicle Modification to retain the participant directed option previously provided in the Home Medical Equipment and Supplemental Adaptive and Assistive Devices service.

Appendix G – Participant Safeguards

- Updated incident types and processes to align with current Ohio Administrative Code terminology and requirements.

- Updated performance measures to reflect changes due process changes and efficiencies gained due to use of the State's incident management system, and the investigative entity investigating all critical incidents rather than the ICDS plans investigating.

Appendix J – Cost Neutrality Demonstration

- Updating of the cost neutrality projections.

Public Input Requested

The state is posting the MyCare Ohio waiver amendment application for the public's review and comment prior to submitting the request to amend the MyCare Ohio waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.