



Questions and Answers Regarding Appendices A through H of the Proposed Consolidated and Person/Family Direct Support (P/FDS) Waiver Renewals Effective July 1, 2017

ODP has received many questions from individuals and family members regarding Appendices A through H of the proposed renewals of the Consolidated and P/FDS waivers. ODP has developed and published this question and answer document to assist interested persons in reviewing the waiver renewals and providing public comment during the review period from December 3, 2016 through January 17, 2017.

Office of Developmental Programs' Proposed Changes Related to Employment and Day Services

Background

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) primarily provides services to people with intellectual disabilities and autism through Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services "waivers." The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require that states renew their waiver applications every five years. ODP's Consolidated and P/FDS waivers are due for renewal on July 1, 2017. These two waivers serve 32,000 Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities.

In renewing the two waivers, ODP is aligning services with: the recommendations from our advisory committee - the Information Sharing and Advisory Committee (ISAC); the Governor's Executive Order "Employment First"; the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); the Americans with Disabilities Act; and with the federal regulations for home and community-based services (HCBS) which govern waiver services.

ODP engaged more than 250 stakeholders in a Futures Planning process and conducted 10 public sessions beginning in the fall of 2015 to solicit public input on changes to the waivers. ODP also conducted extensive policy research and data analysis to inform the proposed changes. The draft applications for the Consolidated and P/FDS waivers were published for a 45-day public comment period on December 3, 2016.

In addition to the renewal of the two waivers, ODP is promulgating new regulations – 55 Pa. Code, Chapter 6100 – to implement the waiver programs.

