



DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS BULLETIN

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

DATE OF ISSUE
May 9, 2011

EFFECTIVE DATE
July 1, 2009

NUMBER
00-11- 05

SUBJECT:

**Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS)
Waiver Amendment Effective July 1, 2009**

BY:

Kevin M. Friel
Interim Deputy Secretary for Developmental Programs

SCOPE:

Administrative Entity Administrators or Directors
Supports Coordination Organization Directors
Providers of Person/Family Directed Support Waiver Services

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to transmit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) May 2, 2011 approval of the Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waiver Amendment, effective July 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND:

Home and Community-Based Waiver services provided under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, with the exception of new Waivers are approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for a five year period. New Waivers are approved for an initial three-year period. The P/FDS Waiver was approved by CMS on February 29, 2008 for a five-year period that began on July 1, 2007. Several amendments have been submitted and approved by CMS. The most recent amendment was approved by CMS on May 2, 2011, with an effective date of July 1, 2009. The approval of this amendment is outlined in the attached letter from CMS to Izanne Leonard-Haak, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Office of Medical Assistance Programs, Department of Public welfare.

DISCUSSION:

The attached approved amendment to the P/FDS Waiver establishes the policies and procedures and requirements for the provision of the P/FDS Waiver that are effective July 1, 2009. The approved amendment includes information on the rate setting methodologies, clarification and updates to participant direction opportunities, revisions to the ODP Quality Management Strategy and performance measures for each assurance area, and updates to service definitions and provider qualification criteria.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The Appropriate Developmental Programs Regional Office

OBSOLETE BULLETINS:

00-09-03: *Person/Family Directed Support Waiver Service Definition Amendment Effective July 1, 2009*

00-09-02: *2008-2009 Person/Family Directed Support Waiver Cap*

ATTACHMENTS:

CMS Approval Letter dated May 2, 2011
Approved P/FDS Waiver Amendment