

# Bureau of Autism Services, Adult Autism Waiver Renewal Public Comments

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The Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) administers one 1915(c) waiver: The Adult Autism Waiver. Notice was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on December 5, 2015 informing stakeholders that the Bureau of Autism Services was making the renewal to the Adult Autism Waiver available for public review and comment. This notice also informed stakeholders that comments would be accepted from December 5, 2015 through January 11, 2016. The public was given two different methods for submitting comments: Electronically via the e-mail address (<http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol45/45-49/index.html>) or written submission by mail. BAS also held a maestro call on January 6, 2016 for stakeholders to give verbal comments to the proposed renewal which were transcribed.

Before publishing the proposed renewal, BAS presented the drafted revisions to the renewal to the Information Sharing Advisory Committee (ISAC) subcommittee that is specific to BAS stakeholders. BAS incorporated feedback from the subcommittee into the proposed renewal.

Per CMS requirements, this document reflects the list of changes made to the Adult Autism Waiver in response to the comments received. Please see the below list of changes.

Comment	Original Proposed Language	Updated Language
22	The Family Support Services may be authorized for a maximum of 20 hours per year, with the year starting on the ISP authorization date.	The Family Support Services may be authorized for a maximum of 40 hours per year, with the year starting on the ISP authorization date.
32	<p>Participants must be referred to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) prior to receiving Supported Employment services except when the participant is competitively employed and solely needs long term supports.</p> <p>Supported Employment services may be provided when either service provided through OVR have stopped or if the participant is determined ineligible for services provided through OVR. Documentation of the following must be maintained in the file of each participant receiving Supported Employment services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the participant was referred to OVR and if the participant was not</li> </ul>	Supported Employment services may not be rendered under the waiver until it has been verified that the services are not available to the participant under a program funded by either the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

	<p>referred to OVR, why the participant was not referred.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the participant was referred to OVR, OVR's determination of eligibility or ineligibility for services.</li> <li>• If the participant received services, confirmation that the services provided through OVR have stopped and/or that OVR has closed the participant's case.</li> </ul>	
42	<p>Extended Employment Supports are available to support participants in maintaining their paid employment position.</p>	<p>Extended Employment Supports are available to support participants in maintaining their paid employment position or self-employment situation.</p>
44	<p>Transportation of the participant is not included in the rate for this service.</p>	<p>Travel time may not be billed by the provider as a discrete unit of this service.</p>
53	<p>2b. Consultative supports include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support of and consultation with family members, friends, waiver providers, other support providers, and employers to help them understand the purpose, objectives, methods, and documentation of the Skill Building Plan and any revisions of the plan without the participant present;</li> <li>• Monitoring and analyzing data collected during implementation of the skill building plan based on the goals and objectives of the Skill Building Plan;</li> <li>• Modifying and revising the Skill Building Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>2b. Consultative supports include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support of and consultation with family members, friends, waiver providers, other support providers, and employers to help them understand the purpose, objectives, methods, and documentation of the Skill Building Plan and to understand any revisions that have been made to the plan which have previously been agreed upon with the participant;</li> <li>• Monitoring and analyzing data collected during implementation of the skill building plan based on the goals and objectives of the Skill Building Plan;</li> <li>• Modifying and revising the Skill Building Plan.</li> </ul>