



Office of Developmental Programs

Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support Waiver Renewals

Listening Sessions



Purpose of Listening Sessions



- The Consolidated Waiver and Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waiver are set to expire on June 30, 2017.
- ODP is launching a state-wide series of Listening Sessions to solicit feedback and understand what changes our stakeholders, individuals and families would like to see implemented.

Listening Session Schedule



Session Date	Time	Region	Venue Site
October 15, 2015	1-3 pm & 6-8 pm	West	Sheraton Erie Bayfront 55 West Bay Drive, Erie, PA 16507
October 16, 2015	10-12 pm & 1:30-3:30 pm	West	Pine Community Center 100 Pine Park Drive, Wexford, PA 15090
November 4, 2015	1-3 pm & 6-8 pm	Central	Central Penn Conference Center 600 Valley Road, Summerdale, PA 17093
November 12, 2015	5-7 pm	All	Maestro Call
November 16, 2015	1-3 pm & 6-8 pm	Northeast	Quality Inn Wilkes Barre 880 Kidder Street, Wilkes Barre, PA 18702
December 7, 2015	1-3 pm & 6-8 pm	Southeast	801 Market Street, Room 1154A Philadelphia, Pa 19107 Church on the Mall, Plymouth Meeting Mall Box 80, 500 West Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
December 11, 2015	1-3pm	All	Maestro Call

***In addition to the above dates, there will be a formal Public Comment period in the second half of 2016.**

What is a Waiver?



- Institutional requirements are “waived” for home and community-based services.
- Medicaid home and community-based services are authorized in Section 1915c of the Social Security Act.
- Programs are funded by federal and state dollars.
- The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is the federal agency that approves and provides oversight of waivers.
- States must apply to CMS for approval and renewal of waivers.
 - Waiver renewal period: 5 years
 - Current authorization period: 7/1/12 through 6/30/17

CMS HCBS Final Rule



- CMS published the final rule amending regulations contained in 42 CFR 441.301 on January 16, 2014
- The rule supports enhanced quality in Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) programs and adds protections for individuals receiving services.
- In addition, this rule reflects CMS' intent to ensure that individuals receiving services and supports through Medicaid's HCBS programs have full access to the benefits of community living and are able to receive services in the most integrated setting.
- Waiver renewal will include changes to implement the final rule.



How can we better achieve our mission?



ODP Mission:

The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives

ODP Vision:

ODP's vision is to continuously improve an effective system of accessible services and supports that are flexible, innovative and person-centered.

Today's Public Input Process



- Individuals who indicated an interest in making a public comment on the sign-in sheet will have an opportunity to speak first.
- There will be a 5 minute limit for comments.
- If there is additional time, those who did not indicate an interest will be invited to speak.
- Written comments can also be provided up to 12/21/2015
 - Email: RA-odpcomment@pa.gov
 - Mail: Julie Mochon, Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs, 625 Forster Street, Room 501, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Today's Listening Session



What changes do you think will:

1. Strengthen supports to individuals and their families
2. Increase participation in community life
3. Support individuals in obtaining competitive and integrated employment
4. Strengthen supports for individuals living in their own home

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