

# **2016 OBRA Waiver Renewal**

**Department of Human Services Office of Long-Term  
Living**

Solicitation of Comments  
March 9 and March 23, 2016 Webinar

## Background:

- The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that waivers be renewed every five years
- OBRA was last renewed in 2012
- CMS requires that all substantive changes to waivers be put out for public comment
- CMS also requires that the Transition Plan for each waiver that is required on allowable home and community-based settings similarly be put out for public comment when waivers are renewed

## Substantive Changes Being Proposed:

- A new entity to perform clinical eligibility determinations and redeterminations.
- Four new employment-related service definitions are replacing two existing employment service definitions.
- The transition of individuals from the OBRA waiver into a managed care delivery system.
- The implementation of a home modifications broker.
- Revised language to reflect the current practice under the new child abuse clearance laws

- On Saturday, February 27, 2016 a public notice was issued in the Pennsylvania Bulletin announcing the renewal of the OBRA Waiver
- A website was listed where the following information could be found:
  - Each section and appendix of the draft waiver application
  - A side-by-side comparison of current provisions and proposed changes
  - A Comment Form
- The notice also informed readers that documents could be requested in alternate format or in hard copy

- An e-mail was also sent to all OLTL ListSers
- A notice was also distributed to community advocates through the Policy Information Exchange network
- Comments can be submitted until close of business on Monday, March 28, 2016 at either
  - P. O. Box 8025, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8025, or
  - RA-waiverstandard@pa.gov.



- **COMMENTS**