



November 28, 2018

**Important information about changes to the Adult Community Autism Program.
Please read carefully.**

Dear ACAP Participant,

This letter is to inform you that, as part of the changes in federal regulations for managed care programs, some changes are being made to ACAP. Most of these changes will not have any effect on the program, however, some have required changes to the services and service definitions. Although the changes to service definitions have an effective date of June 1, 2018, we are not expecting full implementation of these service changes until December 31, 2018 at which time, we'll expect that all service plans will be adjusted and revised with the new services. Some services are changing in important ways – some to meet new federal requirements and others to improve outcomes for participants. Other services are changing very little- simply a change in the service name.

Included with this letter are:

- A summary of changes to ACAP
- The new/revised Service Definitions
- Infographic regarding the new Specialized Skill Development service
- Infographic regarding Career Planning, a new service replacing Pre-Vocational services
- Infographic regarding Supported Employment based on the revised service definition
- Infographic regarding Residential Habilitation.
- Flyer – Check Out MyODP

An updated Participant Handbook will be provided to you shortly and you will get links to the Department of Human Services website that will include ACAP information and links to related documents.

Your Supports Coordinator (SC), Behavioral Specialist as well as your Team Leader are aware of these changes. They can answer your questions and support you in making changes to your Individual Support Plan (ISP) that will fit your individual needs.

If you still have questions after working with your SC, please send your questions to us by email at: RA-odpACAP@pa.gov (with “ACAP Program Changes Question” in the subject line).

You may also write to us by regular mail at this address:

ACAP, Bureau of Autism Services

P.O. Box 2675

Harrisburg, PA 17105

Your SC can also help you to contact the Bureau of Autism Services.

You can get further information including a link to the current ACAP Agreement as well as the proposed ACAP Agreement currently at the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) pending approval at the Department of Human Services web site: www.autisminpa.org