

ODP Updates

MAAC

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ARPA Proposed Initiative Updates

Service Recovery and Expansion Supplemental Payments

- Appendix K approved 1/5/23 authorizing supplemental payments for service recovery and expansion for select services (employment, community participation supports, supports coordination)
- Designed to support recovery to pre-pandemic service levels or expansion beyond pre-pandemic service levels
- Projected total of payments \$40M

ID/A Waivers Renewals

- Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS renewed for 5 years beginning 1/1/23
- Primary changes
 - PHE ‘unwinding’ provisions
 - Services delivered using remote technology – teleservice
 - Remote Support (distinct service definition)
 - Supports Coordination monitoring (provisions for some remote monitoring)

Adult Autism Waiver Amendments

- CMS approved amendments to the AAW effective 1/13/2023
- Primary changes:
 - Services delivered using remote technology – teleservice
 - Remote Supports (distinct service definition)
 - Continued alignment of AAW with ID/A Waivers – provider qualifications, service definitions, etc.
 - Supports Coordination monitoring - remote monitoring, can take place 1 time out of the 4 yearly required face-to-face monitorings.

ODP Unwinding Activities

- MA Renewals: communication to stakeholders focused on importance of ensuring current address and contact information on file at CAO
- Primary ODP impacts related to flexibilities provided through Appendix K
 - Appendix K flexibilities allowable until 6 months after the PHE
 - Due to ARPA Section 9817 MOE requirements ODP must continue most authorized flexibilities until 6 months after the PHE ends.

Unwinding Appendix K Flexibilities

- Enhanced rates for Community Participation Supports and Transportation
 - Implement Fee schedule published as final in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on February 26, 2022
- Cap exceptions for pandemic related needs
 - AEs conducting comprehensive evaluation to estimate continued need for exceptions
 - AEs working with individual teams to address
 - Waiver renewal includes provision for continuation through full FY in which Appendix K ends
- Services/Provisions to continue through base waivers (added via renewal or amendments)
 - Teleservices
 - DSP support in hospital setting allowable under certain conditions
 - ARPA funded supplemental payments

Unwinding Appendix K Flexibilities (cont.)

- Limit extensions for select services
 - Temporary unit increases to Supports Broker and Specialized Supplies added to base waiver to ensure coverage for full FY federal PHE ends
- Suspension of variance requirement when <25% of individual's time in CPS services provided in integrated community settings
- Suspension of limitation any combination of relatives may provide up to 60 hours/week
- Verbal approval of changes to ISPs will no longer be accepted **on the date the PHE ends**. This was approved through an 1135 waiver, not Appendix K

Communications on Unwinding

- Public comment for base waiver amendments and waiver renewals
- Stakeholder webinars
- ODP listserv, PA Family Network, Self-Advocate Network, Provider Associations