

PASSPORT Waiver Amendment Posted for Public Comment

Pursuant to the provision of title 42 Sections 441.301 and 441.304 of the Code of Federal Regulations, public notices are required for any of the following: new 1915(c) waiver, new 1915(i) state plan amendment, renewal of a 1915(c) waiver, and any amendment to a 1915(c) waiver that includes one or more substantive changes. Continuation of a waiver requires that the state submit a five-year waiver renewal application submitted at least 90 calendar days in advance of the approved waiver's expiration date. A 30-day public comment period is required prior to submission.

Changes to the PASSPORT waiver amendment

Below is a summary of the key changes to the waiver. A link to the full waiver amendment is included below the summary. If you'd like a paper copy of the amendment, please call 1 (855) 926-0994.

The information below summarizes the changes made to the PASSPORT waiver application.

Updates:

The Ohio Department of Medicaid is proposing to amend the PASSPORT Waiver to;

- 1) Increase the cost cap limitation on the home modification service from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per calendar year, per individual. This increase is based on stakeholder feedback ODM has received since 2022. Stakeholders have expressed concerns to ODM that the cost of supplies for home modifications (ramps, bathroom modifications, etc.) have increased over the years, making it difficult or impossible to bid for or at below \$10,000.
- 2) Add vehicle modification as a new waiver service within PASSPORT.
- 3) Update waiver application related to revised CMS template.

The following changes are being proposed to the PASSPORT waiver program to be effective March 1, 2026:

Main-2: Program Description updated to add structured family caregiving and vehicle modifications to list of PASSPORT waiver services, updated number of services from 19 to 21.

Main-6: Information to be added related to feedback from Public Comment Posting Period.

Appendix B Participant Access and Eligibility

- B-3-f: removed reference to OAC 5160-31-04 (rescinded)

Appendix C Participant Services

- C-1-a, C-3: edit home modification service to increase annual cost cap from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per individual and add vehicle modification service.
- C-5: update related to revised CMS template.

Appendix I Financial Accountability

- I-1: add structured family caregiving and vehicle modification to respective oversight requirement.
- I-2-a: add vehicle modification to Job Bid Rate list.

Appendix J Cost-Neutrality Demonstration

- J-1: update to reflect increase to home modification cost cap and addition of vehicle modification service.
- J-2-c-i: update with rate methodology for home modification cost cap increase and vehicle modification service.
- J-2-d: WY3, WY4, and WY5 tables updated to add vehicle modification service and increase home modification cost cap.

Public comments welcome

As part of the waiver renewal process, the public can comment on the proposed renewal. The public comment period is November 6, 2025 – December 5, 2025. Comments must be received by midnight on December 5, 2025, and can be submitted by:

E-mail: Waiverfeedback@age.ohio.gov

Written comments sent to:

Attn: PASSPORT Waiver Amendment Ohio Department of Aging – Division for Community Living
30 E Broad St, 22nd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Call toll-free to leave a voicemail message 1 (855) 926-0994

FAX: (614) 466-5741  (Please include Attn. **PASSPORT Waiver Amendment** in the subject line)

Courier or in-person submission to Attn: PASSPORT Waiver Amendment Ohio Department of Aging – Division for Community Living
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