

# Ohio Home Care 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 Ohio Home Care 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.

The State is posting the Ohio Home Care Waiver application with amendments for the public's review and comment prior to submitting the proposed amendment to CMS for consideration.

The following changes are being proposed to the Ohio Home Care Waiver program, as a result of the above, to be effective September 3, 2024:

### Appendix A

- Addition of measures reflective of the Ohio Department of Medicaid's administrative oversight responsibilities.

### Appendix B

- Updated method of implementation of individual cost limit criteria.
- Updated eligibility groups (other specified groups) with additional CFR references.
- Updated eligibility criteria description waiving the requirement for one waiver service monthly if the individual has significant medical needs and requires monthly case management for health and safety assurance.
- Updated case management qualifications to allow licensed practical nurses and social worker trainees to perform assessment and care management activities.
- Updated to include the role of the county department of job and family services in the eligibility determination.

### Appendix C

- Added a new Structured Family Caregiving service.
- Added Self-Direction service delivery option to Home Care Attendant, Home Modification, Personal Care Aide, and Waiver Nursing.
- Added a new Self-Directed service called Self-Directed Goods and Services.

### Appendix E

- Incorporated Self-Direction to services identified in Appendix C and described in Ohio Administrative Code 5160-45-03.2.

### Appendix G

- Addition of measures reflective of the incident management requirements described in Ohio Administrative Code 5160-44-05 and to align across multiple waiver programs.

-Modified to incorporate reference to incident management requirements described in Ohio Administrative Code 5160-44-05.

#### Appendix I

- Addition of Structured Family Caregiving.
- Addition of Self-Direct budget.

#### Appendix J

- Added slot and service projections for Structured Family Caregiving.
- Added slot and service projections for Self-Directed Goods and Services.

## Public comments welcome

As part of the waiver renewal process, the public can comment on the proposed renewal. The public comment period is May 3, 2024 – June 1, 2024. Comments must be received by midnight on June 1, 2024, and can be submitted by:

**E-mail:** [OHCWfeedback@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:OHCWfeedback@medicaid.ohio.gov)

**Written comments sent to:**

Attn: Ohio Home Care Waiver Amendment  
Ohio Department of Medicaid  
P.O. Box 182709  
Columbus, OH 43218

**Call toll-free** to leave a voicemail message at: 1 (888) 438-8603

**Courier or in-person submission**

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