

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK AMENDMENT OF MEDICAID WAIVERS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT, EMPLOYMENT AND DAY SUPPORT and COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS

In accordance with the provisions of section 17b-8(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services intends to submit the following three applications to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”), each to be effective January 1, 2020:

- (1) Amendment of the Medicaid Waiver for Individual and Family Support;
- (2) Amendment of the Medicaid Waiver for Employment and Day Supports; and
- (3) Amendment of the Medicaid Waiver for Comprehensive Supports.

All of the above-referenced waivers are operated by the Department of Developmental Services. The Department of Social Services and the Department of Developmental Services are proposing the following changes to these waivers:

- (1) Adding Vehicle Leases as a service to all waivers. Vehicle Leases provide waiver participants with a less expensive transportation alternative;
- (2) Adding Remote Supports as a service to all waivers. Remote Supports will promote independent living through real-time two-way communication, while preserving the health and safety of waiver participants;
- (3) Adding Eligibility Coordination as a service to all waivers. Eligibility Coordination will provide education and training on methods to obtain and maintain eligibility for Medicaid waiver services.
- (4) Increasing the Assistive Technology limit from \$5,000 to \$15,000 over a five year period, per waiver participant and adding an assistive technology support cost to the Assistive Technology service array on all waivers. Increasing the limit for Assistive Technology will enhance or improve functional capabilities for waiver participants. An assistive technology support cost will assist waiver participants who pay regular fees for ongoing support through assistive technology;
- (5) Increasing the Vehicle Modification limit on all waivers from \$10,000 to \$15,000 over the term of each waiver, per waiver participant;
- (6) Increasing the Environmental Modification limit on all waivers from \$15,000 to \$25,000 over the term of each waiver, per waiver participant;
- (7) Adding Personal Emergency Response system to the Medicaid Waiver for Employment and Day Supports. Personal Emergency Response system promotes general safety and provide an emergency alert option for waiver participants;
- (8) Alignment of the Performance Measures across all waivers; and
- (9) Technical and administrative clarifications including those revisions requested by CMS.

No current enrollees will be negatively impacted by the changes in these applications.

Copies of the complete text of the waiver applications are available upon request from: Nicholas Jerard, Manager of Medicaid Operations, DDS Central Office, 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106, or via email at Nicholas.Jerard@ct.gov. They are also available on the Department of Social Services’ website, www.ct.gov/dss, under “News and Press,” as well as the following direct link: <http://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications>, and the Department of Developmental Services’ website, www.ct.gov/dds, under “Latest News.”

All written comments regarding these applications must be submitted by July, 31 2019 to: Division of Waiver Services, DDS Central Office, 460 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut, 06106, Attention Nicholas Jerard, or via email at Nicholas.Jerard@ct.gov.