

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

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO RENEW THE INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT MEDICAID
WAIVER and TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT AND DAY SUPPORTS and COMPREHENSIVE
SUPPORTS MEDICAID WAIVERS**

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 February 1, 2023:

- (1) Renewal of the Medicaid Waiver for Individual and Family Support;
- (2) Amend the Medicaid Waiver for Employment and Day Supports; and
- (3) Amend 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 all three waivers:

- 1) Adding a virtual component to the Individualized Day Support service;
- 2) Increasing the Assistive Technology limit from \$15,000 to \$25,000 over a five-year period, per waiver participant;
- 3) Increasing the Vehicle Modification limit from \$15,000 to \$25,000 over the term of each waiver, per waiver participant;
- 4) Increasing the Environmental Modification limit on all waivers from \$25,000 to \$35,000 over the term of each waiver, per waiver participant;
- 5) Adding language to the Individualized Home Supports service, Individualized Day Support service and the Adult Companion service to allow for such supports to be provided in a short-term acute care hospital stay for the purposes of supporting the participant’s personal, behavioral and communication supports not otherwise provided in that setting;
- 6) Removing the Prevocational Support service as this service has no utilization and focuses on an outdated model of day support that no longer aligns with the agency’s mission;
- 7) Adding a home delivery meal service for participants who are unable to prepare or obtain nourishing meals independently, or when the individual responsible for this activity is temporarily absent or unable to prepare meals;
- 8) Combining and incorporating the Independent Support Broker service into the Individualized Goods and Services service;
- 9) Transcribing the approved Appendix K (temporary emergency preparedness and response amendments) language specific to the approved Home and Community-Based Services (“HCBS”) American Rescue Plan to the permanent waiver authorities, effective upon the expiration of the Appendix K, and repealing and replacing an initiative under the HCBS American Rescue Plan effective 2/1/2023; and
- 10) Technical and administrative clarifications, including those revisions requested by CMS.

Specific to the Individual and Family Support Medicaid waiver and the Comprehensive Supports Medicaid waiver, the Departments are proposing the following additional change to these waivers:

- (1) Combining and incorporating the Personal Supports service into the Individualized Home Supports service;

Finally, the Departments are proposing the following waiver cap increases:

- (1) Increasing the Employment and Day Supports waiver annual cap from \$58,000 to \$75,000;
- (2) Increasing the Individual and Family Support waiver annual cap from \$130,000 to \$165,000;

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

Copies of the complete text of the waiver applications are available upon request from: Krista Ostaszewski, Health Management Administrator, DDS Central Office, 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106, or via email Krista.Ostaszewski@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, <https://portal.ct.gov/dds>, under "Latest News."

All written comments regarding these applications must be submitted by Thursday, September 29, 2022 to: Krista Ostaszewski, 460 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut, 06106, or via email at Krista.Ostaszewski@ct.gov.