

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT WAIVER RENEWAL

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 a renewal of the Home and Community Supports Waiver for Persons with Autism to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to be effective January 1, 2018.

The Department of Social Services proposes the following substantive changes:

1. Change the operating agency for the waiver from the Department of Developmental Services to the Department of Social Services, in accordance with C.G.S. 17a-215 and 17a-215c;
2. Reduce the individual service cost cap from \$60,000 per year to \$50,000 per year. No current waiver participants are expected to experience a service reduction. While three participants are authorized to receive more than \$50,000 in services per year, none of these participants have actually utilized more than \$50,000 in services;
3. Require providers to enroll as waiver providers and bill their services directly through the state's Medicaid Management Information System; and
4. Eliminate Community Companion Homes and Live-in Companion services from the waiver as these services have had no utilization since inception of the waiver in January 2013.

A copy of the complete text of the waiver is available, at no cost, upon request to the Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105, Attention Shirlee Stoute; or via email to [shirlee.stoute@ct.gov](mailto:shirlee.stoute@ct.gov). It is also available on the Department's website, [www.ct.gov/dss](http://www.ct.gov/dss), under "Latest News."

All written comments regarding this renewal application may be submitted by August 10, 2017 to the Department of Social Services, Community Options Unit, 55 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105; Attention: Kathy Bruni, Director; or via email to [kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov](mailto:kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov).