

Now Available: Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) Renewal Approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) ODP Announcement 21-084

AUDIENCE:

All Stakeholders

PURPOSE

The purpose of this communication is to inform all interested stakeholders that the renewal of the AAW has been approved by the CMS. The renewal is available on the Department of Human Services' (DHS) website. The effective date is retroactive to July 1, 2021.

DISCUSSION

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is pleased to announce that the renewal of the AAW was approved by CMS on November 18, 2021. As communicated in ODP Announcement 21-067, the renewal of the AAW has **no substantive changes from the previously approved waiver.**

The renewal of the AAW was submitted with no substantive changes because some previously proposed changes to the AAW conflicted with the requirements of Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act and CMS guidance that was published in May of 2021.

The renewal of the AAW is effective July 1, 2021 and can be found at [this link](#)
(www.dhs.pa.gov).

Because ODP **is not** making the changes it originally planned to the AAW, ODP **will not** be implementing the proposed rates published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on May 22, 2021. Any new proposed changes to rates will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* for a public comment period prior to implementation.

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