



RCPA Comments regarding Adult Autism Waiver Renewal – November 15, 2021  
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Julie,

Please find additional comments from RCPA regarding the Adult Autism Waiver renewal. We support the use of remote services for individuals who chose to participate in services in this manner. We urge ODP to not set limits on the amount of units of service that can be delivered in this manner, but instead allow for the individual and the ISP team to determine what is appropriate for each person based upon their needs and desires.

Additionally we would call to your attention that we have concerns regarding the implementation of the settings rule in a manner that is more restrictive than what the intent of the rule from CMS is as written. The setting itself is not what needs to be evaluated, but the access to the community as desired by each individual. RCPA has been contacted by many individuals and families who want the freedom to choose a setting that meets their needs and provides access and involvement in the community in the manner that they choose. This is particularly critical for those families with individuals with significant medical and/or behavioral challenges. Our concern is that this population will be left behind.

Thank you for your consideration.

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