

ODP Updates

ISAC

February 14, 2023

ID/A Waivers Renewals

- Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS renewed for 5 years beginning 1/1/23
- Primary changes
 - PHE ‘unwinding’ provisions
 - Services delivered using remote technology – teleservice
 - Remote Support (distinct service definition)
 - Supports Coordination monitoring (provisions for some remote monitoring)

Adult Autism Waiver Amendments

- CMS approved amendments to the AAW effective 1/13/2023
- Primary changes:
 - Services delivered using remote technology – teleservice
 - Remote Supports (distinct service definition)
 - Continued alignment of AAW with ID/A Waivers – provider qualifications, service definitions, etc.
 - Supports Coordination monitoring - remote monitoring, can take place 1 time out of the 4 yearly required face-to-face monitorings.

Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE)

- COVID-19 national emergency and public health emergency (PHE) are currently set to expire on March 1 and April 11, respectively.
- Biden Administration's plan is to extend the emergency declarations to **May 11**, and then end both emergencies on that date.
- Wind-down would align with the Administration's previous commitments to give at least 60 days' notice prior to termination of the PHE.
- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 decouples Medicaid eligibility maintenance of effort and enhanced federal match (FMAP) from PHE

ODP Unwinding Activities

- MA Renewals: communication to stakeholders focused on importance of ensuring current address and contact information on file at CAO
- Primary ODP impacts related to flexibilities provided through **Appendix K**
 - Appendix K flexibilities allowable until 6 months after the PHE
 - Due to ARPA Section 9817 MOE requirements ODP must continue most authorized flexibilities until 6 months after the PHE ends.

Unwinding Appendix K Flexibilities

- Enhanced rates for Community Participation Supports and Transportation
 - Implement Fee schedule published as final in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on February 26, 2022
- Cap exceptions for pandemic related needs
 - AEs conducting comprehensive evaluation to estimate continued need for exceptions
 - AEs working with individual teams to address
 - Waiver renewal includes provision for continuation through full FY in which Appendix K ends
- Services/Provisions to continue through base waivers (added via renewal or amendments)
 - Teleservices
 - DSP support in hospital setting allowable under certain conditions
 - ARPA funded supplemental payments

Unwinding Appendix K Flexibilities (cont.)

- Limit extensions for select services
 - Temporary unit increases to Supports Broker and Specialized Supplies added to base waiver to ensure coverage for full FY federal PHE ends
- Suspension of variance requirement when <25% of individual's time in CPS services provided in integrated community settings
- Suspension of limitation any combination of relatives may provide up to 60 hours/week
- Verbal approval of changes to ISPs will no longer be accepted **on the date the PHE ends**. This was approved through an 1135 waiver, not Appendix K

ARPA Initiative Updates

Service Recovery and Expansion Supplemental Payments

- Appendix K approved 1/5/23 authorizing supplemental payments for service recovery and expansion for select services (employment, community participation supports, supports coordination)
- Designed to support recovery to pre-pandemic service levels or expansion beyond pre-pandemic service levels
- Projected total of payments \$40M

[Targeted Service Recovery and Expansion Supplemental Payments ODP Announcement 23-001](#)



Community Participation Support Recovery Payments

Payment Type	Performance Standard	Documentation	Payment Amount
Program Expansion	Exceed pre-pandemic number of CPS Program Participants (Discrete participants in services Jan 2020) in service June 2023. Average units per individual must be maintained or increased from July 1, 2022 baseline.	Claims review will occur September 2023 Claims review will include all CPS claims by MPI (not Service Location)	For providers that meet performance standard, \$1,500 per individual in CPS service as of June 30, 2023
Program Recovery 1	Serving 90-100% of pre-pandemic number of CPS Program Participants (Discrete participants in services Jan 2020) in service June 2023. Average units per individual must be maintained or increased from July 1, 2022 baseline.	Claims review will occur September 2023 Claims review will include all CPS claims by MPI (not Service Location)	For providers that meet performance standard, \$1,000 per individual in CPS service as of June 30, 2023
Program Recovery 2	Serving 75-89% of pre-pandemic number of CPS Program Participants (Discrete participants in services Jan 2020) in service June 2023. Average units per individual must be maintained or increased from July 1, 2022 baseline.	Claims review will occur September 2023 Claims review will include all CPS claims by MPI (not Service Location)	For providers that meet performance standard, \$750 per individual in CPS service as of June 30, 2023

Employment Services Recovery Payments

Payment Type	Performance Standard	Documentation	Payment Amount
Program Expansion	Exceed pre-pandemic number of employment service participants (Discrete number of participants in services July 1-December 2019) in June 2023. (Discrete number of participants in service January- June 2023)	Claims review will occur September 2023	For providers that meet performance standard, \$2,000 per individual in employment service between January-June 2023.

Supports Coordination Recovery Payments

Payment Type	Performance Standard	Documentation	Payment Amount
<p>Program Expansion</p>	<p>As of 1/1/2023 SCO must be accepting referrals of newly enrolled individuals in ODP system.</p> <p>Eligible SCO must increase number of individuals served between 01/01/23-06/30/23 (involuntary discharges are not allowable)</p> <p>Payment to be provided for each accepted referral of an individual with a new ID/A eligibility determination within the past 6 months.</p> <p>SCO must continue to meet all SC requirements for base, TSM and waivers.</p>	<p>Claims review will occur December 2023</p>	<p>For SCOs meeting the performance standard, \$7,500 per new individual</p>