

ODP Updates

Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)

Waiver Renewal

AAW Renewal Effective July 1, 2026

- The current 5-year approval for the AAW expires on June 30, 2026.
- ODP held 2 listening sessions in March 2025 and drafted proposed changes based on recommendations and needs.
- Proposed changes were published on January 16th for public comment.

Changes that Align with Other ODP Waivers

Assistive Technology

- Change the \$10,000 lifetime limit on Assistive Technology to a \$3,000 annual limit. Individuals who need more than \$3,000 in Assistive Technology in a year may still request an exception.

Vehicle Modifications

- Change the service limit from \$10,000 per person every 5 years to \$20,000 per participant every 10 years.

Residential Habilitation and Life Sharing will be 2 separate services.

- Life Sharing is currently under the Residential Habilitation service.

Supported Employment and Career Planning Changes

Career planning: the reauthorization requirement for the vocational assessment component of the service was extended from 90 days to 6 months.

Supported Employment: the Intensive Job Coaching and Extended Employment Support components were removed from the service definition, including the different procedure codes. All Supported Employment activities will continue to be covered under one procedure code.

Additional Proposed Changes



Therapy

The Speech Therapy component of the Therapy service will be removed due to lack of utilization.



Respite

Respite providers must render ODP home and community-based services to a minimum of 1 separate and distinct participant each plan year.



Home Modification

The cost for modifications which require three bids will increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Public Comment

ODP Announcement [26-011](#)

Public Comment Period: 1/17/26 to 2/16/26

Public Comment Webinar: 2/9/26 from
1:00pm to 2:30pm

Registration Link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7016314002422851417>

Consolidated, Community Living, and Person/Family Directed Support Updates



Communications Published

ODP Announcement [25-111](#): Provider Qualification Requirements for Community Participation Support, In-Home and Community Support, and Companion Services

- Provides guidance regarding the new requirement that providers of these services must serve at least 3 people each year and 1 person quarterly.

ODP Announcement [26-003](#): Updates to the Individual Support Plan (ISP) Bulletin Attachments

- Aligns the Individual Support Plan Manual with the January 2026 Waiver Amendments.
- Additional clarification has been added to incorporate FAQs and current policy for Assistive Technology, employment services, and residential services.



Waiver Webinar Recording

On December 15, 2025, the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) held a live webinar regarding changes in the January 1, 2026 amendments. This webinar was attended by over 300 people.

The recording and PowerPoint are available at [Waiver Implementation – MyODP](#)