

# Overview of Pennsylvania's 1915(c) Waivers

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The Secretary of the Department of Human Services (Department) is the head of the single state Medicaid Agency and has ultimate authority over the operations of all 1915(c) waiver programs. The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), and the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) report to the Secretary and administer the 1915(c) waiver programs.

There are seven 1915(c) waivers operating in Pennsylvania that are affected by the final rule:

- Infants, Toddlers, and Families Waiver (ITF)
- Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)
- Community Living Waiver
- Consolidated Waiver
- Person/Family-Directed Support (P/FDS) Waiver
- Community HealthChoices Waiver
- OBRA Waiver

## **OCDEL Waiver**

Infants, Toddlers, and Families (ITF) Waiver - The ITF Waiver serves infants and toddlers, birth to age three who are experiencing developmental delay(s) as evidenced by a minimum of a 50 percent delay in one developmental area or a 33 percent delay in two developmental areas, who need early intervention services and are eligible for an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) or an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with other Related Conditions (ICF/ORC) level of care. Special Instruction is the only service available under the ITF Waiver. Special Instruction includes assisting a child with acquiring, retaining, or improving skills in a variety of developmental areas, including cognitive processes and social interaction and communicating with caregivers about skills and supports related to their child's skill development. Special Instruction is delivered by qualified providers pursuant to an individually written plan of care, in natural environments with the participation of the child's family or caregiver. The child's natural environment is primarily the child's home, but could also include a community setting, such as a childcare facility, park, or grocery store.

## ODP Waivers

### Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) -

Serves individuals diagnosed with autism age 21 and over who are determined eligible for Medical Assistance in Pennsylvania and have been recommended for an ICF/ORC or ICF/ID level of care based on a medical evaluation. The following services are available through the AAW:

- Day Habilitation
- Residential Habilitation
- Life Sharing
- Respite
- Supported Employment
- Supports Coordination
- Therapies
- Assistive Technology
- Career Planning
- Community Transition Services
- Family Support
- Home Modifications
- Nutritional Consultation
- Small Group Employment
- Specialized Skill Development
- Temporary Supplemental Services
- Transportation
- Vehicle Modifications

Consolidated Waiver - Serves individuals of any age who have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability or autism, individuals with a developmental disability with a high probability of resulting in an intellectual disability or autism who are age 0 through 8, and individuals with a developmental disability due to a complex medical condition who are age 0 through 21. Individuals must have been recommended for an ICF/ID or ICF/ORC level of care based on a medical evaluation and be determined eligible for Medical Assistance in Pennsylvania. The following services are available through the Consolidated Waiver:

- Advanced Supported Employment
- Assistive Technology
- Behavioral Support
- Benefits Counseling
- Communication Specialist

- Community Participation Support
- Companion
- Consultative Nutritional Services
- Education Support
- Family/Caregiver Training and Support
- Family Medical Support Assistance
- Home Accessibility Adaptations
- Homemaker/Chore
- Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services
- In-Home and Community Support
- (Licensed and Unlicensed) Life Sharing
- Music, Art and Equine Assisted Therapy
- (Licensed and Unlicensed) Residential Habilitation
- Respite
- Shift Nursing
- Small Group Employment
- Specialized Supplies
- Supported Employment
- Supported Living
- Supports Broker
- Supports Coordination
- Therapy
  - Physical
  - Speech/Language
  - Occupational
  - Orientation, Mobility and Vision
- Transportation
- Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations

Person/Family-Directed Support (P/FDS) Waiver- Serves individuals of any age who have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability or autism, individuals with a developmental disability with a high probability of resulting in an intellectual disability or autism who are age 0 through 8, and individuals with a developmental disability due to a complex medical condition who are age 0 through 21. Individuals must have been recommended for an ICF/ID or ICF/ORC level of care based on a medical evaluation and be determined eligible for Medical Assistance in Pennsylvania. The following services are available through the P/FDS Waiver:

- Advanced Supported Employment
- Assistive Technology
- Behavioral Support
- Benefits Counseling
- Communication Specialist
- Community Participation Support
- Companion
- Consultative Nutritional Services

- Education Support
- Family/Caregiver Training and Support
- Family Medical Support Assistance
- Home Accessibility Adaptations
- Homemaker/Chore
- Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services
- In-Home and Community Support
- Music, Art, and Equine Assisted Therapy
- Participant-Directed Goods and Services
- Respite
- Shift Nursing
- Small Group Employment
- Specialized Supplies
- Supported Employment
- Supports Broker
- Supports Coordination
- Therapy
  - Physical
  - Occupational
  - Speech
  - Language
  - Orientation, Mobility and Vision
- Transportation
- Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations

Community Living Waiver - Serves individuals of any age who have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability or autism, individuals with a developmental disability with a high probability of resulting in an intellectual disability or autism who are age 0 through 8, and individuals with a developmental disability due to a complex medical condition who are age 0 through 21. Individuals must have been recommended for an ICF/ID or ICF/ORC level of care based on a medical evaluation and be determined eligible for Medical Assistance in Pennsylvania. The following services are available through the Community Living Waiver:

- Advanced Supported Employment
- Assistive Technology
- Behavioral Support
- Benefits Counseling
- Communication Specialist
- Community Participation Support
- Companion
- Consultative Nutritional Services
- Education Support
- Family/Caregiver Training and Support
- Family Medical Support Assistance
- Home Accessibility Adaptations

- Homemaker/Chore
- Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services
- In-Home and Community Support
- Life Sharing
- Music, Art, and Equine Assisted Therapy
- Participant-Directed Goods and Services
- Respite
- Shift Nursing
- Small-Group Employment
- Specialized Supplies
- Supported Employment
- Supported Living (Needs Groups 1 and 2)
- Supports Broker
- Supports Coordination
- Therapy
  - Physical
  - Occupational
  - Speech
  - Language
  - Orientation, Mobility, and Vision
- Transportation
- Vehicle Accessibility Adaptations

### **OLTL Programs**

Community HealthChoices Waiver - For purposes of services under the 1915(c) waiver, CHC serves individuals over the age of 21 who are nursing facility clinically eligible and are financially eligible for Medicaid waiver services. The following services are available through the CHC Waiver:

- Adult Daily Living
- Counseling Services
- Nutritional Consultation
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Home Adaptations
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Physical Therapy Services
- Speech & Language Therapy Services
- Assistive Technology
- Vehicle Modifications
- Nursing Services
- Job Coaching
- Job Finding

- Respite
- Speech and Language Therapy Services
- Community Transition Services
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Home Health Aid Services
- Residential Habilitation
- Structured Day Habilitation Services
- Behavior Therapy
- Benefits Counseling
- Career Assessment
- Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy Services
- Personal Assistance Services
- Pest Eradication
- Employment Skills Development
- Community Integration
- Financial Management Services
- Participant-Directed Community Supports
- Participant-Directed Goods and Services
- Vehicle Modifications
- Telecare

OBRA Waiver - Serves individuals ages 18 to 59 with a developmental disability who meet the level of care for ICF/ORC and are financially eligible for Medicaid waiver services. The following services are available through the OBRA Waiver:

- Adult Daily Living
- Personal Assistance Services
- Employment Skills Development
- Residential Habilitation
- Respite
- Job Finding
- Job Coaching
- Service Coordination
- Structured Day Habilitation Services
- Behavior Therapy Services
- Physical Therapy Services
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Nutritional Consultation
- Nursing Services
- Financial Management Services

- Home Adaptations
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Assistive Technology
- Speech and Language Therapy Services
- Vehicle Modifications
- Community Integration
- Community Transition Services
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Counseling Services
- Career Assessment
- Benefits Counseling
- Community Transition Services
- Nutritional Consultation
- Vehicle Modifications