



**NOTICE 0924156**

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TO: AAA Directors; PASSPORT Site Directors

FROM: Sarah Jones, Deputy Chief, Division for Community Living

RE: Public Comment Period for PASSPORT Medicaid Waiver Renewal

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Ohio has posted for public comment on the proposed amendments to the Assisted Living and PASSPORT Medicaid Waivers, prior to the submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for review. The period for public comment on the proposed PASSPORT Waiver is September 17, 2024, through October 16, 2024.

Pursuant to the provision of title 42 Sections 441.301 and 441.304 of the Code of Federal Regulations, public notices are required for any of the following: new 1915(c) waiver, new 1915(i) state plan amendment, renewal of a 1915(c) waiver, and any amendment to a 1915(c) waiver that includes one or more substantive changes. States are required to give notice and to provide a 30-day public comment period.

During the public comment period, ODA requests the following of the PASSPORT Administrative Agencies (PAAs):

- In an area at the PAA where visitors are most likely to see them, print and post both Public Notice and Request for Comment documents as well as the Public Notice Summaries, all of which accompany this NOTICE.
- In order to provide public access to the proposed amendments to the Assisted Living and PASSPORT Waivers and to facilitate public comment, create a link from the PAA website to the Ohio Department of Medicaid website page posting the documents, located at the following: [Public Notices \(ohio.gov\)](#)
- Please make hard copies of the Assisted Living and PASSPORT Waivers proposed amendments available upon request.
- PAA Case Managers are encouraged to promote the opportunity to provide public comments on the proposed Medicaid Waiver proposed amendments during conversations with individuals served on the Medicaid waiver, their family members, or anyone who might be interested.

ODA values the input of individuals interested in or impacted by changes to ODA Medicaid waivers and appreciates the contribution by the PAAs to this important process. Once the

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public comment period has concluded the PAA may remove the public notice announcements and the link to the renewal from the PAA's website.

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