



Department of  
Aging

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**NOTICE 0816982**

DATE: August 11, 2016  
TO: AAA Directors; AAA Public Information Officers; PASSPORT Site Directors  
FROM: Matt Hobbs, Chief, Division for Community Living  
RE: Public Comment Period on PASSPORT Medicaid Waiver Amendment  
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In conjunction with the January 16, 2014, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Final Rule (*CMS 2249-F/2296-F*), states are required to give public notice of Medicaid waiver amendments and renewals, and provide a 30-day public comment period.

The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) is planning to amend the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver. The draft waiver amendment will be posted on the ODA website **between August 15, 2016, and September 15, 2016.**

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

- PAAs will place a hard copy of the PASSPORT waiver amendment in an area at the PAA where visitors are most likely to see it. PAAs will make available hard copies of the waiver amendment to individuals upon request.
- PAAs will post a copy of the attached ***Public Notice and Request for Comment*** document, attached, in an area at the PAA where visitors are most likely to see it.
- In order to help facilitate public access to the waiver amendment and facilitate public comment, PAAs will post a link on their website to the ODA website page hosting the PASSPORT waiver amendment. The link to the ODA website is as follows:  
<http://www.aging.ohio.gov/information/rules/waiveramendments.aspx>
- During the public comment period on the PASSPORT waiver amendment, conversations between PASSPORT Administrative Agency (PAA) Case Managers and individuals served on the PASSPORT waiver, their family members, or any individuals interested in the waiver will include information on the opportunity to provide public comment on the draft amendment.

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 public comment period has concluded the PAA may remove the public notice announcement and the link to the waiver amendment from the PAA's website.

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