

SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES MADE TO ISP REQUIREMENTS OR PROCESSES

MAJOR CHANGES MADE TO ATTACHMENT 1: ISP MANUAL

NOTE: The Waivers and Record of Change may be accessed at the following link:

Consolidated Waiver: [Consolidated Waiver \(pa.gov\)](#)

Community Living Waiver: [Community Living Waiver \(pa.gov\)](#)

Person/Family Directed Support Waiver: [PFDS Waiver \(pa.gov\)](#)

SUBJECT-EXAMPLES SUCH AS SERVICE DEFINITIONS, GUIDANCE, NEW INFORMATION	APPLICABLE CHANGES
<i>Updated service definitions and guidance to reflect changes approved in the November 1, 2023 waiver renewals.</i>	
Section 2: ISP Preparation	Clarified that annual ISP meetings should be conducted in person with the individual and the individual's ISP team, whenever possible. In-person meetings offer the benefit of having the ISP team present in the room to dedicate their full attention to the individual and ISP planning activities.
Specialty Telehealth and Assessment Team	This is a new service that was implemented in March 2024.
Remote Supports	Individuals who are authorized to receive Residential Habilitation/Life Sharing/Supported Living services may receive Assistive Technology Remote Supports Equipment and Technology (procedure code W6087) to purchase or lease devices or equipment or technology that will be used exclusively by the individual for the delivery of remote supports.
Assistive Technology	Leasing of equipment and devices is only allowable short term for emergency substitution of a device or equipment until repairs are made or a replacement can be purchased or to allow an individual to try equipment and device(s) to determine

	whether the equipment or device(s) will be a good fit for the individual's needs.
Community Participation Support (CPS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently removing the variance requirement for individuals who spend less than 25% of the time while they are receiving CPS participating in community activities. • Providers are required to continue to offer each individual the opportunity to participate in community activities. • Clarifying that providers must have conversations about community activities with individuals at least quarterly to ensure that each individual's experiences from the previous quarter informs their choice of activities for the next quarter. • Clarifying that assisting an individual with obtaining counseling related to accessing employment supports and services is included as part of the Community Participation Support service. Examples of this assistance include helping an individual with contacting the Ticket to Work Help Line, obtaining their Benefits Planning Query statement from their local Social Security office, or completing other paperwork or releases that are needed to obtain services through the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program.
Home Accessibility Adaptations	Handrails that are considered a structural home modification are covered under Home Accessibility Adaptations.
Music, Therapy, Art Therapy and Equine Assisted Therapy	Group therapies for no more than 4 individuals have been added.
Benefits Counseling	Removed the requirement to re-refer an individual once per year if Benefits Counseling is needed in a subsequent year. The process must be completed when there has been an interruption in service

	where the participant has not received Benefits Counseling services in more than nine months.
Supported Employment	Supported employment can assist individuals with contacting relevant agencies and obtaining documents needed to access employment supports and services that educate individuals on the impact of employment on current benefits. Examples of this assistance include helping an individual with contacting the Ticket to Work Help Line, obtaining their Benefits Planning Query statement from their local Social Security office, or completing other paperwork or releases that are needed to obtain services through the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program.
Supports Coordination- The Frequency with Which Monitoring is Performed	For all individuals receiving Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living services, teleservices may not be used to conduct monitoring in the individual's home and no more than six months can lapse between face-to-face monitorings at the residential setting
General	References to Appendix K have been removed because most flexibilities allowed through Appendix K expired in November 2023.