

SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES MADE TO ISP REQUIREMENTS OR PROCESSES

MAJOR CHANGES MADE TO ATTACHMENT 1: ISP MANUAL

| SUBJECT-EXAMPLES SUCH AS SERVICE DEFINITIONS, GUIDANCE, NEW INFORMATION | APPLICABLE CHANGES |
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| <i>Updates to reflect changes needed to implement waiver amendment effective starting January 1, 2026.</i> | |
| 14.1: American Sign Language –English Interpreter Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During temporary travel, this service may be provided in Pennsylvania or other locations as per ODP's travel policy• This service was changed to Section 14.1 |
| Section 14.2: Assistive Technology | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This service was changed to Section 14.2• For the Consolidated waiver, a per participant fiscal year limit of \$3,000.• For the Community Living and P/FDS waivers, the \$10,000 lifetime limit is removed. Assistive Technology is included in the overall annual limit on services. <p>Please note that ODP is working on changes to the Variance Form that will align with the waivers and ISP Manual. The goal is to publish the updated Variance Form via ODP communication in the next month.</p> |
| Section 14.4 Benefits Counseling | This service includes communication with the participant's appointed Representative Payee as a billable activity. |
| Section 14.10: Employment Services (Supported Employment and Advanced Supported Employment) | In the event that OVR is utilizing an order of selection with a waitlist for priority categories in effect, the following process will be followed from the effective date until the waitlist ends: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A participant who has been referred to OVR but does not have an approved Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) may receive Supported Employment/Advanced Supported Employment. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A participant who has not been referred to OVR may receive Supported Employment/Advanced Supported Employment without a referral to OVR. <p>Supports Coordinators must follow the guidance in ODP Announcement 25-028.</p> |
| Section 14.15: Housing Transition and Tenancy Sustaining Services | Housing Transition services may be authorized when the participant has a plan to move from the home where Residential Habilitation or Life Sharing is provided into a private home that the participant will own, rent or lease, unless Life Sharing will be provided in the private home. Housing Transition services may also be authorized when the participant is receiving Supported Living and has a plan to move from their current private home into a different private home that the participant will own, rent, or lease, unless Life Sharing will be provided in the new private home. |
| <i>Updates to reflect the addition of needed clarification.</i> | |
| Section 14.2: Assistive Technology | Additional service definition clarification has been updated regarding the coverage of hearing aids for adults. |
| Section 14.4: Benefits Counseling Services | Additional service definition clarification has been updated to align with ODP Announcement 25-001 . |
| Section 14.7 and 14.16: Companion and In-Home and Community Support Services | Additional service definition clarification has been updated to include information regarding complying with federal Home and Community-Based Services requirements. |
| Section 14.10: Employment Services | <p>Information about self-employment has been added in alignment with ODP Announcement 25-072.</p> <p>Additional service definition clarification for each employment service has been updated to include information from previous question and answer documents.</p> |
| Section 14.20: Residential Services | Clarification has been added regarding Needs Exception Allowances and the provision of Supplemental Habilitation. |
| Section 17: Base-Funded Services | For base-funded Life Sharing and Supported Living: Starting July 1, 2025, the base-funded codes listed |

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| | for these services are no longer available for inclusion on ISPs. The procedure codes in the waiver section of this manual must be used starting July 1, 2025, with Base as the funding source. |
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