

NOTICES OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

NOTICE OF EXTENSION TO OPEN SEASON FOR BLACK SEA BASS

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 26-25, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection (“the Commissioner”) is providing notice of a season extension for black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) which shall be effective from the date that this notice is published in the Connecticut Law Journal through and including April 30, 2019.

In support of this notice the Commissioner finds that the sport fishing harvest level for black sea bass will fail to meet the harvest level for efficient management without addition to the open season as noted below.

The season for black sea bass shall be *closed* from the date this notice is published in the Connecticut Law Journal until and including May 18, 2018, and shall be *open* from May 19, 2018 to December 31, 2018, inclusive, after which the season shall be *closed* and will remain *closed* from January 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019.

As a reminder, no person, while on the waters of this state or on any parcel of land, structure, or portion of a roadway abutting tidal waters of this state shall take, possess or land any of the species noted above by sport fishing methods, regardless of where taken, during a closed season, except as may otherwise be authorized by law.

For further information, contact the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s Marine Fisheries Program by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov or by telephone at 860-434-6043 Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 4:30 pm.

DEPARTMENT of SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Amend Personal Care Assistant and Home Care Program for Elders Medicaid Waivers

In accordance with the provisions of section 17b-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services intends to amend the Personal Care Assistant (PCA) and Elder waivers to increase the individual cost cap to reflect wage and rate increases for self-directed Personal Care Assistants.

Both waivers will have a phased cap increase beginning July 1, 2018 and a second increase on July 1, 2019. The cost cap for the Home Care Program for Elders will increase to 125% of the average Medicaid cost of nursing home effective 7/1/18 and to 130% effective 7/1/19. The PCA waiver will increase to 120% of the average Medicaid cost of nursing home effective 7/1/18 and to 125% effective 7/1/19. This will also be reflected in the calculations in the fiscal appendices in the waivers.

No waiver participants will be negatively impacted by these proposed changes. Service availability will remain the same but the waiver caps need to be increased to accommodate this change.

A complete text of the waiver amendment is available, at no cost, upon request to the Community Options Unit, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Connecticut 06106; email shirlee.stoute@ct.gov.

All written comments, questions, and concerns regarding these amendments may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of Social Services, Community Options Unit, 55 Farmington Ave, Hartford or to Kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov.

Department of Social Services

Notice of Intent to Operate Updated Policies and Procedures

Regulation 17-01 – Person-Centered Medical Home Plus (PCMH+) Program (PR 2016-087)

In accordance with and pursuant to the authority of section 17b-263c of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department of Social Services (the “Department”) gives notice that, effective May 1, 2018, it intends to operate under updated policies and procedures (also known as an operational policy) pending full adoption of regulations concerning the Person-Centered Medical Home Plus (PCMH+) Program. On January 17, 2017, the Department previously published notice that it intends to adopt said regulations and to operate under policies and procedures effective January 1, 2017. On January 16, 2018, the Department published notice that it intends to operate under updated policies and procedures effective January 1, 2018.

The updated operational policy is posted to the Connecticut eRegulations System, <http://eregulations.ct.gov>, select “Regulations in Progress”, then select Department of Social Services – PCMH+ or search for the DSS PCMH+ regulation on the Connecticut eRegulations System and then scroll down to view the updated operational policy that is effective January 1, 2018.

In addition to accessing the updated operational policy on the Connecticut eRegulations System, anyone may also request a copy from the Department of Social Services by email: joel.norwood@ct.gov or by writing to: Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06105, Attention: Joel Norwood, Staff Attorney.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK AMENDMENT OF MEDICAID WAIVERS
FOR INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT AND
EMPLOYMENT AND DAY SUPPORTS**

In accordance with the provisions of section 17b-8(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services intends to submit the following two applications to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”), each to be effective October 1, 2018:

- (1) Amendment of the Medicaid Waiver for Individual and Family Support;
- (2) Amendment of the Medicaid Waiver for Employment and Day Supports.

Both of the above-referenced waivers are operated by the Department of Developmental Services. The Department of Social Services and the Department of Developmental Services are proposing the following changes to these waivers:

- (1) Increasing the individual cost cap for the Individual and Family Support waiver from \$59,000 to \$130,000;
- (2) Increasing the individual cost cap for the Employment and Day Supports waiver from \$28,000 to \$58,000;
- (3) Adding Blended Supports as a service on both waivers. Blended Supports provide waiver participants an opportunity to enhance their community-based skills;
- (4) Adding Customized Employment as a service on both waivers. Customized Employment promotes integrated work opportunities in order to maximize the skills for waiver participants;
- (5) Adding Transitional Supports as a service on both waivers. Transitional Supports provide waiver participants an opportunity to develop skills and resources to enhance their opportunity for employment;
- (6) Adding Training, Counseling and Support Services for Unpaid Caregivers as a service to the Employment and Day Supports Waiver. Training, Counseling and Support Services for Unpaid Caregivers provides unpaid caregivers an opportunity to access supports to provide the optimal care to their family members;
- (7) Alignment of the Performance Measures across both waivers; and
- (8) Technical and administrative clarifications requested by CMS.

No current enrollees will be negatively impacted by the changes in these applications.

Copies of the complete text of the waiver applications are available upon request from: Siobhan Morgan, Director of Medicaid Operations, DDS Central Office, 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106, or via email at Siobhan.Morgan@ct.gov. They are also available on the Department of Social Services' website, www.ct.gov/dss, under "News and Press," and the Department of Developmental Services' website, www.ct.gov/dds, under "Latest News."

All written comments regarding these applications must be submitted by June 14, 2018 to: Division of Waiver Services, DDS Central Office, 460 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut, 06106, Attention Siobhan Morgan, or via email at Siobhan.Morgan@ct.gov.
