
NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A STATE
CERTIFICATE OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLETION:**

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Orange intends to file an application for Certification of Affordable Housing Completion (moratorium on applicability of Section 8-30g) with the State Department of Economic and Community Development (“DECD”), pursuant to Section 8-30g(1)(4)(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The proposed application, including all supporting documentation, is available for public inspection and comment in the Land Use Office and the Town Clerk's Office at the Orange Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Written comments may be submitted to Jack Demirjian, Zoning Administrator & Enforcement Officer, at the Orange Land Use Office (address above) within 20 days of the publication of this notice in the New Haven Register and the Connecticut Law Journal. A copy of all written comments received, and all responses prepared by the municipality will be included as part of the application to the DECD.

Dated in Orange, CT
James M. Zeoli, First Selectman, Town of Orange

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Renew and Amend the Personal Care Assistance Medicaid Waiver

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 (DSS) intends to submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to renew the Personal Care Assistance (PCA) waiver. This waiver provides home and community-based Medicaid services pursuant to section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act.

DSS is proposing the following changes to the PCA waiver:

- Updating the service definitions for the following services to reflect the 1-year agency experience requirement that already exists as a credentialing requirement for agencies to provide certain services:
 - Agency-based Personal Care Assistant
 - Adult Family Living

A copy of the complete text of the PCA waiver application is available, at no cost, upon request from: Christine Weston, Director of Community Options Unit, DSS Central Office, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06105, or via email at christine.weston@ct.gov. It is also available on the DSS website, www.ct.gov/dss, under "News," as well as the following direct link: <http://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications/Medicaid-Waiver-Applications>.

All written comments regarding this application must be submitted by May 30, 2024 to: Christine Weston, Director of Community Options Unit, DSS Central Office, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06105, or via email at christine.weston@ct.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 24-P: Community First Choice - Reimbursement Updates to Implement Personal Care Attendant Collective Bargaining Agreement

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Public comment information is listed below.

Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after May 1, 2024, this SPA will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan in order to make the reimbursement increases described below for the Community First Choice (CFC) benefit pursuant to section 1915(k) of the Social Security Act.

The CFC self-directed personal care attendant (PCA) rates are being increased to comply with the [Collective Bargaining Agreement](#) (CBA) between the state's PCA Workforce Council and the union representing self-directed PCAs, which, after approval by the Connecticut General Assembly on March 25, 2024, was recently amended and extended through June 30, 2026. As required by the CBA, the state is to increase the payment rates for applicable CFC services, incorporating all of the relevant changes as detailed in the CBA, including, but not limited to: (1) wage increases, which comprise (A) specified hourly wage increases and (B) minimum percent-based wage increases for individuals already receiving rates above the set minimum wages; (2) additional holidays added for holiday pay; (3) increase in the methodology for calculating the rate add-on to support individuals' health care expenses; and (4) increases in the methodology for calculating paid time off.

As detailed in the current approved Medicaid State Plan, the payment rates are calculated for each PCA to reflect all applicable components of

the rate set forth in the Medicaid State Plan, including, but not limited to, applicable wage, employer taxes, and workers' compensation coverage (which are final components of the rate), plus the interim components of the rate, which include paid time off and rate add-on to support PCA's health care expenses. The calculation of the rate also incorporates all provisions required by applicable state and federal law, including minimum wage and other applicable labor law, which may result in adjustment of the overall analysis of the fiscal impact.

In addition, the CBA also requires the state to provide a one-time longevity bonus payment to each PCA who has been employed and worked for the same consumer-employer no later than April 1, 2024, and have been continuously employed by the same consumer-employer through March 31, 2026, which will be issued the week of May 18, 2026. The amount of the bonus is dependent on weekly hours worked on an annualized basis. Those PCAs who have worked twenty (20) hours or less per week will receive a one-time bonus of \$400. PCAs who have worked twenty-one (21) hours or more per week will receive a one-time bonus of \$800. Additional requirements of the longevity bonus are in accordance with the CBA that is in effect at the time the services are provided.

Fee schedules are published at this link: <http://www.ctdssmap.com>, then select "Provider," select "Provider Fee Schedule Download," accept the terms and conditions, and select the applicable fee schedule.

The purpose of this SPA is to implement the CBA referenced above and to support ongoing access to quality CFC services for Medicaid members.

Fiscal Impact

Based on the information currently available, DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$13,232,339 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 and \$35,446,521 in FFY 2025.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

The proposed SPA is posted on the DSS website at this link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicaid-State->

[Plan-Amendments](#). The proposed SPA may also be obtained at any DSS resource center, at the Town of Vernon Social Services Department, or upon request from DSS (see below).

To request a copy of the SPA from DSS or to send comments about the SPA, please email: Public.Comment.DSS@ct.gov or write to: Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105. Please reference “**SPA 24-P: Community First Choice - Reimbursement Updates to Implement Personal Care Attendant Collective Bargaining Agreement**”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than **May 30, 2024**.
