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Community Pathways Waiver **Amendment #2**

Supports Services Group #1

(Assistive Technology, Remote Monitoring, Environmental Assessments, Environmental Modifications, & Vehicle Modification)

*A Partnership for better communication on
developmental disability services in Maryland*

Public Webinars

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Overview

- We are making changes to the Community Pathways Waiver to create a more flexible, person-centered, family oriented system of supports
- The changes are based on feedback from individuals receiving services and their families, recommendations from the independent consultants, and are aimed at furthering compliance with new federal rules and requirements from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Labor (DOL)
- Requests to make changes to the waiver program are made by submitting a Waiver Amendment to CMS
- We are making changes to the waiver program in stages and will reflect the development of new services, improved business rules, processes, and service rates; and will provide ample opportunity for meaningful public engagement on the prospective changes

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Amendment #2 - Purpose

For Amendment #2, the DDA is proposing to make changes to the current waiver services including service definitions, limitations, and provider qualifications. The purposes of these changes are to:

- simplify the waiver language and description of processes so that all stakeholders can understand
- incorporate best practices
- reflect stakeholder listening sessions, consultant reports, and workgroup's recommendations
- meet federal service requirements

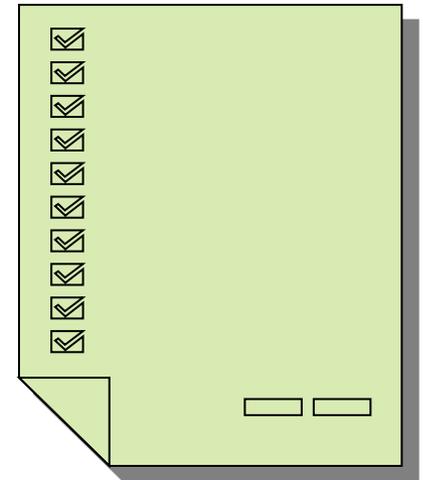
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Waiver Service Templates

Proposed services are noted in standard templates based on the federal application and include the following key sections:

- Service Name or Alternative Service Title
- Service Definition
 - ✓ Overview or simplified description of service
 - ✓ Service Requirements
- Limits of service amount, frequency, or duration
- Service delivery method
 - ✓ Participant Directed (meaning service can be self-directed)
 - ✓ Provider Management (meaning DDA licensed provider)
- Provider Specifications
 - ✓ Type
 - ✓ Qualifications (license, certifications, others standards)



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Service Groups

Waiver services have been grouped under one of the following areas:



➤ Employment and Day Services

➤ Support Services

- ✓ Behavioral Supports & Nursing Services
- ✓ **Group #1 - Assistive Technology, Remote Monitoring, Environmental Assessments, Environmental Modifications, & Vehicle Modification**
- ✓ Group #2 – *Live-In Caregiver Rent, Community Personal Supports, Respite, Transition Services, & Transportation*



➤ Residential Services



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	Current Service Name		Proposed Service Name
1	Assistive Technology and Adaptive Equipment	1	Assistive Technology and Services
		2	Remote Electronic Monitoring (New)
2	Environmental Assessment	3	Environmental Assessment
3	Environmental Accessibility Adaptations	4	Environmental Modifications
4	Vehicle Modifications	5	Vehicle Modifications



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Highlights

- **Assistive Technology and Services** - directly assists an individual in the selection, acquisition, use, or maintenance of an assistive technology device and include:
 - ✓ Assistive Technology needs assessment
 - ✓ Training or technical assistance for the individual and their support network
 - ✓ Repair and maintenance of devices and equipment
 - ✓ Programming and configuration of devices and equipment
 - ✓ Coordination and use of assistive technology devices and equipment with other necessary therapies, interventions, or services in the person centered plan
 - ✓ Services consisting of purchasing or leasing devices



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Highlights

➤ Assistive Technology and Services

- ✓ Name change
- ✓ AT Categories with examples including:
 - *Speech and Communication (speech generating devices)*
 - *Blind and Low Vision (optical character recognizer)*
 - *Deaf and Hard of Hearing (assistive listening devices)*
 - *Computers and Telephones (alternative mice, keyboards)*
 - *Environmental Control Devices (voice activated lights)*
 - *Aides for Daily Living (weighted utensils, dressing aids)*
 - *Cognitive Supports (tasks analysis application, reminders)*
 - *Remote Supports (remote health monitoring)*



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Highlights

➤ **Assistive Technology and Services**

- ✓ Assessment required unless under \$200 per item
- ✓ Professionals to complete assessment listed
- ✓ Specified provider types, certifications, and experience requirements based on technology



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Highlights

➤ Remote Electronic Monitoring

- ✓ Provides oversight and monitoring within a home through an offsite electronic surveillance system *in order to reduce or replace the amount of staffing an individual needs* including:
 - Electronic surveillance system installation, repair, maintenance, and back-up system
 - Training and technical assistance for the individual and their support network
 - Off-site system monitoring staff
 - Stand-by intervention staff



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Highlights

- **Remote Electronic Monitoring**
 - ✓ Services for individuals age 18 or older
 - ✓ Team assessment for appropriateness to ensure health and welfare
 - ✓ Benefits and risk must be shared and informed consent obtained
 - ✓ Use of system can be restricted to certain hours as indicated in the person centered plan
 - ✓ System must be preauthorized by DDA
 - ✓ Provider must be approved by DDA



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Highlights

➤ Environmental Assessment

- ✓ On-site assessment with the individual at their *primary residence* to determine if *environmental modifications* or *assistive technology* may be necessary
- ✓ Environmental assessment includes:
 - Evaluation of the person
 - Environmental factors in the home
 - Person's ability to perform activities of daily living
 - Person's strength, range of motion, and endurance
 - Person's need for assistive technology and/or modifications
 - Person's support network capacity to support independence



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Highlights

➤ Environmental Assessment

- ✓ Conducted by licensed Occupational Therapist
- ✓ Report of assessment process, findings, and recommendations required within 10 days of assessment that is forwarded to person and CCS in *reader friendly format*
- ✓ Limit to one assessment annually unless otherwise approved by DDA



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Highlights

➤ Environmental Modifications

- ✓ Physical modifications to the *home* based on an assessment designed to support the individual's efforts to function with greater independence and/or to create a safer, healthier environment such as:
 - Installation of grab bars, widening of doorways, lifts
 - Construction of ramps and railings
 - Alerting devices for people who have hearing or sight impairments
 - Alarms or locks on windows, doors, fences
 - Protective padding on walls, floors, or pipes
 - Bathroom and kitchen modifications



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Highlights

➤ Environmental Modifications

- ✓ Training on use of modification as applicable
- ✓ Service and maintenance of modification
- ✓ Preauthorization required for over \$2,000
- ✓ Three bids required if over \$2,000
- ✓ Work to be done based on a written schedule indicating an estimated start date and completion date and progress reports as indicated in the written schedule



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Highlights

➤ Environmental Modifications

- ✓ General improvements to home are not covered such as carpeting, roof repair, decks, and central air conditioning, which:
 - Are of general utility
 - Are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the individual or
 - Add to the home's total square footage, unless the construction is necessary, reasonable, and directly related to accessibility needs of the individual



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Highlights

➤ **Vehicle Modifications**

- ✓ Adaptations or alterations to a vehicle that is the individual's primary means of transportation
- ✓ Designed to accommodate the needs of the individual and enable them to integrate more fully into the community and to ensure the health, welfare and safety by removing barriers to transportation



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Highlights

➤ Vehicle Modifications may include:

- ✓ *Assessment services* to: (1) help determine specific needs of the individual as a driver or passenger, (2) review modification options, and (3) develop a prescription for required modifications of a vehicle
- ✓ Assistance with modifications to be *purchased and installed* in a vehicle owned by or a new vehicle purchased by the individual, or legally responsible parent of a minor or other caretaker as approved by DDA
- ✓ *Non-warranty vehicle modification repairs*
- ✓ *Training* on use of the modification



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Highlights

➤ Vehicle Modifications

- ✓ Vehicle owner:
 - Is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the vehicle
 - Shall purchase insurance on the modification
- ✓ Does not include the purchase of new or used vehicles
- ✓ Must be preapproved by DDA
- ✓ Limited to once every 10 years unless approved



Information and Input

➤ **DDA Website – Amendment #2**

- ✓ **Current and proposed services**

<http://dda.dhmh.maryland.gov/Pages/Community-Pathways-Waiver-Amendment-2.aspx>



➤ **How to share input:**

- ✓ Complete input Survey (*links to be provided with webinars*)
OR
- ✓ Mail comments to Attention: Amendment #2 - DDA 201
West Preston Street Baltimore MD 21201

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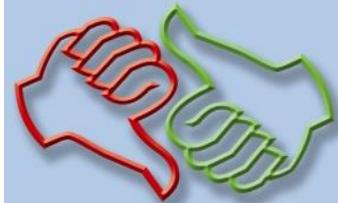
Input Survey

- **Support Services Group #1** Survey link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SupportServicesPart1>



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Next Steps

- DDA Proposed Draft Waiver Services Webinars—
August – September 2016
- State review of comments and consideration for
revisions – September 2016
- Identification of business processes and operational
changes and strategies
- Announcement of final waiver service proposals
- 30 Public comment period

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Reminders

- Proposed waiver services are in draft
- Share your input
- Proposed new services are not available now
- Rate study will influence rates



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Questions



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