

Public Notice
NYS Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health proposes to renew the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Comprehensive Waiver (NY.0238) to extend the Waiver agreement through September 30, 2029. This Waiver Renewal will provide the continuation of essential services for over 100,000 New Yorkers with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The renewal application will maintain funding for all current HCBS Waiver services and ensure that services continue to be available to current and new waiver enrollees. In addition, the Renewal includes the addition of 1915(b)(4) authority to support implementation of the recently authorized Home-Enabling Supports service as well as technical updates to OPWDD quality improvement performance measurements to better comport with HCBS waiver assurances.

There is no estimated significant annual change to gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of the proposed Renewal. However, fiscal projections for the next five years regarding the number of waiver participants, service utilization, and cost neutrality have been updated. Lastly, this application includes minor technical changes to update Medicaid rate methodology descriptions. These technical changes will not affect provider reimbursement.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed HCBS Waiver Renewal, beginning January 24, 2024 through February 26, 2024; a copy of which will be available for public review on the OPWDD website at: https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/people_first_waiver/HCBS_waiver_services. Individuals without Internet access may view the proposed Renewal at any local (county) social services district. Copies will also be available at local Developmental Disabilities Regional Field Offices (DDRFO) at the following addresses:

Finger Lakes DDRO
620 Westfall Rd., Suite 326
Rochester, NY 14620

Western NY DDRO

1200 East and West Rd., Building 16,
West Seneca, NY 14224

Broome DDRO

249 Glenwood Rd.
Binghamton, NY 13905

Central NY DDRO

187 Northern Concourse
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Sunmount DDRO

2445 State Route 30
Tupper Lake, NY 12986

Capital District DDRO

500 Balltown Rd.
Schenectady, NY 12304

Hudson Valley DDRO

9 Wilbur Rd.
Thiells, NY 10984

Taconic DDRO

38 Firemens Way
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Bernard Fineson DDRO
80-45 Winchester Blvd, Building 80,
2nd Floor Administrative Suite
Queens Village, NY 11427

Metro NY DDRO/Bronx
2400 Halsey St.
Bronx, NY 10461

Brooklyn DDRO
750 Vandalia Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11239

Metro NY DDRO/Manhattan
25 Beaver St., 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10004

Staten Island DDRO
930 Willowbrook Rd.
Staten Island, NY 10314

Long Island DDRO
415-A Oser Ave.
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Written comments will be accepted by email at

peoplefirstwaiver@opwdd.ny.gov or by mail at: Office for People with developmental Disabilities, Division of Policy and Program Development, 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12229. All comments must be postmarked or emailed by February 26, 2024. Please include “OPWDD 1915(c) Waiver Renewal Comments” in the subject line.

OPWDD will schedule webinar(s) to discuss these changes in greater detail. Information regarding these sessions will be available on the OPWDD website and distributed widely to OPWDD stakeholders via e-mail and social media. To ensure you will receive these notices, interested parties should add their contact information to “Join the Conversation” at:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYOPWDD/signup/15127>