

## **DEPARTMENT of SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **Notice of Intent to Amend Personal Care Assistant, Home Care Program for Elders, and Acquired Brain Injury 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), Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) , Acquired Brain Injury Waiver II and Elder waivers to (1) add care management to the PCA Waiver, and (2) remove several services from the Medicaid Waiver Programs that will be covered under a new Medicaid State Plan Option (Community First Choice).

**PCA Waiver:** The Department is proposing to: (1) add Care Management to the PCA waiver to mirror the Care Management service provided under the Elder Waiver; (2) remove Personal Care Assistant, Personal Emergency Response System, and Assistive Technology services as these services will be available under the Medicaid state plan; and (3) modify Independent Support Broker service to be an extended state plan service in order to make the Independent Support Broker service available to waiver participants at a level that is beyond the scope and limit that will be available under the Medicaid state plan.

**ABI and ABI II Waivers:** The Department is proposing to remove the Self-directed Personal Care Assistant service from both waivers as the service will be available under the Medicaid state plan.

**Elder Waiver:** The Department is proposing to remove the Self-directed Personal Care Assistant service from the waiver as the service will be available under the Medicaid state plan.

No waiver participants will be negatively impacted by these proposed changes. Service availability will remain the same but services under the new state plan option will qualify the state to receive enhanced federal match.

A complete text of the waiver amendment is available, at no cost, upon request to the Alternate Care Unit, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Connecticut 06105; email [shirlee.stoute@ct.gov](mailto:shirlee.stoute@ct.gov).

All written comments, questions, and concerns regarding this renewal application may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of Social Services, Alternate Care Unit, 55 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06105; Attention: Kathy Bruni, Manager; email [kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov](mailto:kathy.a.bruni@ct.gov).