

## **Transition Carve-Out Waiver Phase Out: Consumer Fact Sheet**

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### **What changes are occurring with the Transition Carve-Out Waiver?**

The Transitions Carve-Out Waiver that you receive services through is ending on June 30, 2015. However, you will still be able to receive waiver services by transferring to the PASSPORT Waiver.

### **What is PASSPORT?**

A Medicaid waiver program providing services in home and community settings to individuals who are age 60 or older. The eligibility criteria for PASSPORT are the same as for the TCOW waiver.

### **Why are these changes happening?**

The PASSPORT Waiver has been expanded to offer the same services as the Transitions Carve-Out Waiver, so that people who are age 60 and older will have access to the same waiver benefits. With this change, there is no longer a need to have two separate waivers serving the same people and offering the same services.

### **How will these changes affect me?**

To help you maintain your independence and continue to live safely in the community, you will have access to as many as 18 different services available through PASSPORT. You may also have the opportunity to use consumer direction as a way to receive some services.

## **What is consumer direction?**

Consumer direction allows you more choice and control over the delivery of your home and community-based services. It puts you in the driver's seat! It also allows you or your authorized representative to hire your own direct service workers to furnish either the Choices-Home Care Attendant Service (C-HCAS) or Personal Care Service. You will receive training to assist with learning the necessary skills to direct your services. Consumer direction is optional, voluntary and not appropriate for everyone. With both service options, you or your authorized representative must exhibit the capacity and ability to: advocate for yourself; know your rights; monitor quality; verbalize your desire to direct the services; have open communication and use problem-solving skills.

**Will my current service plan change?** No. There will be no change in your service plan unless there is a change in your condition.

**Will I be able to keep my provider?** PASSPORT has different provider requirements than the Transitions Carve-Out Waiver and this could affect your provider in two ways.

All providers have to be certified by the Ohio Department of Aging. If your provider is not already, he or she will need to contact the Ohio Department of Aging and take steps to become certified. If your provider does not want to do that, then you will have to select a new provider that is certified through the Ohio Department of Aging.

Additionally, the PASSPORT Waiver does not use non-agency providers to furnish personal care aide services; as a result, you will no longer be able to have a non-agency personal care aide the way you do now. You may still be able to keep your provider if you want to use PASSPORT's consumer-directed care option, or if your provider goes to work for an agency.