



# **Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Waiver Renewal**

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**The 1915(c) CLASS waiver is renewed every 5 years.**

- The current waiver cycle is 9/1/2019 – 8/31/2024.
- **Upcoming Critical Dates:**
  - Web Posting: February 2024
  - Public Comment Period: February to March 2024
  - Submission to CMS: April 2024
  - Renewal Effective Date: **September 1, 2024**



# CLASS Service Array (1 of 2)

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- Adaptive Aids
- Auditory Integration Training/Auditory Enhancement Training
- Behavioral Support
- Case Management
- Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy\*
- Continued Family Support
- Dental Treatment
- Dietary Services
- Employment Assistance\*
- Financial Management Services\*
- Minor Home Modifications
- Nursing Services\*
- Occupational Therapy\*
- Physical Therapy\*
- Prescribed Drugs
- Prevocational Services

\*These service are available through the CDS Option



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# CLASS Service Array (2 of 2)

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- Residential Habilitation\*
- Respite (In-Home and Out-of-Home)\*
- Specialized Therapies
  - Massage Therapy
  - Recreational Therapy
  - Music Therapy
  - Aquatic Therapy
  - Hippotherapy
  - Therapeutic Horseback Riding
- Speech and Language Pathology\*
- Support Consultation\*
- Support Family Services
- Supported Employment\*
- Transition Assistance Services

\*These service are available through the CDS Option



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# Upcoming Changes to the CLASS Waiver

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## Here are some of the changes HHSC intends to incorporate:

- Updates to service definitions to align with policy
- Updates to the financial management agency section
- Updates to provider training requirements
- Updates to prescribed drugs provider type
- Removing Community First Choice Personal Assistance Services/Habilitation references



# Upcoming Changes to the CLASS Waiver (cont.)

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- Adding and revising performance measures
- Updates to the Quality Improvement Strategy section
- Updates to the unduplicated count of participants and waiver cost projections for the five-year renewal period
- Update Texas Administrative Code References
- Updating the Appendix G Health and Welfare appendix to reflect changes from House Bill 4696





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# Comments

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# Thank You

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