

required to meet the requirements of this Chapter as soon as possible and no later than six months from the promulgation of this Rule.

E. If, in the judgment of OAAS, application of the requirements stated in these standards would be impractical in a specified case; such requirements may be modified by the OAAS assistant secretary to allow alternative arrangements that will secure as nearly equivalent provision of services as is practical. In no case will the modification afford less quality or protection, in the judgment of OAAS, than that which would be provided with compliance of the provisions contained in these standards.

1. Requirement modifications may be reviewed by the OAAS assistant secretary and either continued or canceled.

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Chapter 5. Support Coordination Standards for Participation for Office of Aging and Adult Services Waiver Programs

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§501. Introduction

A. The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) establishes these minimum standards for participation which provides the core requirements for support coordination services provided under home- and community-based waiver programs administered by the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS). OAAS must determine the adequacy of quality and protection of waiver participants in accordance with the provisions of these standards.

B. OAAS, or its designee, is responsible for setting the standards for support coordination, monitoring the provisions of this Rule, and applying administrative sanctions for failures by support coordinators to meet the minimum standards for participation in serving participants of OAAS-administered waiver programs.

C. Support coordination are services that will assist participants in gaining access to needed waiver and other state plan services, as well as needed medical, social, educational, housing, and other services, regardless of the funding source for these services.

D. Upon promulgation of the final Rule governing these standards for participation, existing support coordination providers of OAAS-administered waiver programs shall be