

Ohio

Department of Developmental Disabilities

Mike DeWine, Governor
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DODD Updates

State Goals and Priorities

OHCA 2022 Convention - May 17, 2022

Director Kim Hauck

Debbie Hoffine, Deputy Director MDA

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Clay Weidner, Budget and Analytics

Agenda

- Opening Remarks and OhioISP – Director Kim Hauck
- HCBS Waiver Redesign – Debbie Hoffine
- Blueprint, MSY, and Technology – Steve Beha
- DSP Retention Payments – Clay Weidner
- Audience Questions



Opening Remarks and OhioISP Updates

Director Kim Hauck

HCBS Waiver Redesign

Debbie Hoffine

- Level One Structural Changes
- Level 1 Service Changes
- Self-Directed Transportation
- Rate Increases
- Waiver Reimbursement System Modernization Project



Level One Structural Changes

Effective July 1, 2022

Level One waiver is being restructured to have individual cost caps that align with the individual cost caps on the SELF waiver and to allow enrollees more flexibility in how they can use their services.

- \$45K per 12-month waiver span for adults
- \$30K per 12-month waiver span for children

Level One Structural Changes

Effective July 1, 2022

People currently on Level One will shift to the new budget structure at their first waiver redetermination on or after July 1, 2022.

The Emergency Benefit of \$8,000 over three years is being eliminated.

Level 1 Service Changes

Effective July 1, 2022

The following services will be available to people enrolled on the Level One waiver:

- Functional Behavior Assessment
- Clinical/Therapeutic Intervention
- Participant/Family Stability Assistance
- Participant-Directed Goods & Services (\$2,500 service cap)
- Self-Directed Transportation (being added to all waivers)

Self-Directed Transportation

Effective July 1, 2022

The newly created Self-Directed Transportation is being added to all three waivers to enhance and expand access to non-traditional transportation options.

Self-Directed Transportation

Effective July 1, 2022

The service includes coverage for:

- the purchase of prepaid vouchers, cards, passes, or tokens to access modes of ground public transportation (i.e., Uber, Lyft, Buses, Cabs, etc.), and
- the use of transportation from someone the person knows such as a family member, neighbor, or friend to transport them. These providers will be approved and paid by the Financial Management Services.

Rate Increases

Effective July 1, 2022

Rates for the following waiver services will be increased to bring them into better alignment with industry standards:

- Social Work Services
- Interpreter Services
- Nutrition Services
- Clinical/Therapeutic Intervention
- Waiver Nursing Delegation

Waiver Reimbursement System Modernization Project

Timeline

RFP posted in accordance with DAS schedule

Bids will be due 6-8 weeks after posting

Projected Begin Date – August 2022

Target Implementation Date – July 2024 or January 2025

Waiver Reimbursement System Modernization Project

Why Modernize?

- Current reimbursement system is over 15 years old.
- The system needs to be comprehensively reviewed in order to establish a solid, financially sustainable foundation for the future.
- There is federal funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to support this initiative.

Waiver Reimbursement System Modernization Project

Key Outcomes

- A single approach to establish individual funding limits for people enrolled on the Individual Options (IO) waiver.
- A streamlined, simplified methodology for reimbursement for services delivered in congregate settings.
- Restructuring of the Shared Living service.
- Restructuring of the Remote Support service.

Waiver Reimbursement System Modernization Project

Key Outcomes

- The development of tools that will support DODD and County Boards of DD to realistically forecast and manage their state match obligations
- The development of a provider data collection tool that will offer much needed insight into the wages, benefit packages, and training opportunities available for direct support professionals.

Blueprint, MSY, and Technology

Steve Beha



Blueprint Updates

Subject Matter Expert Contract

- Milliman is working with DODD and stakeholders to propose necessary changes to the financial system across adult day non-work and work programs, transportation, and quality assurance
- Initial meeting with rule and waiver implementation team April 2022
- Project Plan will be posted online under the Blueprint webpage

Multi-System Youth (MSY) Initiatives

- MSY White Paper
- Multi-Disciplinary Comprehensive Assessment Team (MCAT)
- MSY Regional Coaches
- Intensive Behavior Support Rate Add-On (IBSRAO)
- Keeping Families Together (KFT)

Technology First

Overview

- Ensure that people with developmental disabilities have increased opportunities to live, learn, work, and thrive in their homes and communities.
- Promote remote support and assistive technology, so Ohio can take key steps toward solving the DSP workforce emergency and start on a path paved by technology that will change the support options for Ohioans with developmental disabilities.

Technology First

The Why

- Ohio's most recent National Core Indicators survey indicated 90% of people reported that technology has helped them do things on their own.
- Challenges in hiring, training, and retaining people to work as direct support professionals (DSPs).
- Vacancy rates among DSPs have increased over the last three years (2018 – 2020)

Technology First

The What

- Ohio's DD system supports over 95,000 people with developmental disabilities, with over 41,000 enrolled in a Medicaid waiver and over 5,000 in Intermediate Care Facilities.
- As of January 2022, almost 1,300 people were authorized to use remote supports and 3,500 were authorized to use assistive technology.

Technology First

The What

- More must be done to strengthen Ohio as a Technology First state and for people with developmental disabilities and their families to experience all the benefits of technology supports.

Technology First

The How

- Technology extends the support provided by DSPs
- Growing the use of Remote Supports throughout the state.
- Increase education and digital literacy across the state.
- Technology solutions are available throughout the state, for every person. No county is too small, no provider is too large, and every person can benefit from using technology.

Technology First

Updates

- Technology First Rule effective April 21
- Ohio Tech Ambassadors
- Internet Assistance Project
- Rapid Response Portal
- Innovative Tech Grants
- ICF Supportive Tech Project
- Multiple Technology Training Opportunities



DSP Retention Payments

Clay Weidner

- Overview of proposal
- Current status

Questions?



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Thank You



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