DODD Blueprint Proposal

Improving Adult Day Support Services,
Transportation Services, and Strengthening
Competitive Integrated Employment Outcomes

Ohio | **Department of Developmental Disabilities**

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Subject Matter Expert (SME) Contract - Request and retain DD system finance and rate experts to work with DODD, ODM, OOD, and a group of stakeholders to make necessary changes to the financial system across Adult Day non-work and work programs, transportation, and quality assurance. This work will focus on state appropriations, local financing, budget limitations, AAI, ODDP, and rate models. SMEs will explore service package recommendations including rates and reimbursement methodologies. SMEs will be asked to identify strategies and service structures that will connect services to outcomes. DSP information and the evaluation of outcome-based reimbursement or value-based purchasing options will be incorporated into the scope of work for all-day array services.

Initial Year of Contract (FY 22):
- 1st: Identify rates for the Basic Employment Skills Training service. Rule becomes effective and the Vocational Habilitation services end. **Estimated Rule Effective Date: July 2022.**

- 2nd: Outline changes to state appropriations, local financing, AAI, budget limitations, and new rate calculations. **Completion Date: June 30, 2022.**

- 3rd: Update service design based on the above. **Completion Date: December 31, 2022.**
  - » Modify Career Planning Service (evaluate title, rate, authorization, billing code, and discuss virtual options). **Estimated Rule Effective Date: December 2022.**
  - » Develop a stand-alone service for Benefits Analysis. (Work Incentives Planning - match OOD.) **Estimated Rule Effective Date: December 2022.**
  - » Modify Adult Day Support rule (definition, rate). **Estimated Rule Effective Date: December 2022.**
  - » Modify Group Employment Support Rule (name, definition, rate). **Estimated Rule Effective Date: December 2022.**
  - » Modify Individual Employment Support Rule (name, definition, rate, evaluate outcome-based payments, and payment for job placement and retention). **Estimated Rule Effective Date: December 2022.**

- Develop self-directed transportation service. Implementation will be done via the waiver simplification workgroup under the consultation of Applied Self Direction. **Estimated Rule Effective Date: July 2022.**

- Modify Employment First Rule (revise place four on the path to community employment, update OTS language, and update based on new rules). **Estimated Rule Effective Date: January 2022.**

- DODD will evaluate the Employment First Partnership and data related to individuals dually eligible to inform the rate-setting process. **Target Completion Date: June 30, 2022.**

Training and Resources

- Create phase-in plan for each new or modified rule/service that identifies timelines for training and technical assistance, county board accreditation, provider compliance reviews, annual reviews/renewals of plans, and new plans. DODD expects it could take up to 12-18 months for the system to transition to new rules and to be in full compliance. Training and technical assistance will start before a new rule becomes effective.

- Create and implement a toolkit for SSAs and other team members to support a student in their transition from school to adulthood (include: STABLE Account).

- Regional TA - develop training cohorts based on regions that focus on training and resource sharing around new and modified services. (Training will include all services in the adult day array including transportation and assistive technology.)

- Develop required statewide training for county boards and providers to promote consistency and understanding of all available transportation resources. **Estimated Completion Date: October 31, 2022.**

Other Items

- Continue Employment First Taskforce's work on the Transition Vision Work Plan. Continue Employment First Multi-Agency Planning teams focused on youth transitioning to adulthood. Continue cross-system training and family training for youth with developmental disabilities.

- DODD continues Mobility Ohio work with ODOT and other health and human service organizations (ongoing).

- Develop interagency agreement with ODOT - increase education opportunities and identify local transportation resources. **Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 2022.**

- Allot funding to pilot transportation technology solutions statewide. **Grant funding through FY 22 - July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.**

- Create communication committee to create and update resources that build a foundation of knowledge to help educate those who are part of Ohio's developmental disability system related to the work and implementation of blueprint recommendations. **Committee will begin no later than October 2021. Committee commitment one year. Estimated end date October 2022.**

- Continue provider capacity-building efforts.

- DODD ICF team will convene a small group discussion to identify future ICF reimbursement workgroup priorities and impact on ICF residents.

- Evaluate potential for IAA with OhioMHAS regarding mental health day treatment and multi-system adults.

- Evaluate current DODD service rules to allow nursing to occur across all settings (residential, day, employment, and transportation).

- Conduct research regarding the professional services that are available through Medicaid State Plan and identify a plan to bridge the gap between Medicaid State Plan Services and adult day array services available through the IO, Level 1, and SELF.

- DODD will offer implicit bias training for service providers and county boards.

- Aggressively increase the use of technology across service delivery array to more efficiently and effectively serve more people.

- Consult with Strategic Analytics and Innovation Division to identify possible performance metrics to incorporate into monitoring service implementation and training. Incorporate new metrics into strategic plan in FY 23.

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Second Year of Contract (FY 23):
- Develop a standard measurement tool/rubric around quality work, non-work, and transportation services. **Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 2023.** Defining quality metrics is a dependency in rate/reimbursement methodologies and not a sequencing that happens after rate proposals are generated. The quality metric tool/rubric allows individuals and families to be part of the perspective.

Training and Resources

- Create phase-in plan for each new or modified rule/service that identifies timelines for training and technical assistance, county board accreditation, provider compliance reviews, annual reviews/renewals of plans, and new plans. DODD expects it could take up to 12-18 months for the system to transition to new rules and to be in full compliance. Training and technical assistance will start before a new rule becomes effective.

- Quality Tool/Rubric (see above). Statewide transportation training (see above).

- Continue regional training cohorts (see above).

- DODD/ODE/OOD/JFS will complete statewide training on collaborative post-secondary options for people with developmental disabilities. Invitation will be extended to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Other Items

- Develop a MOU/IAA between EF Taskforce agencies specifically around transition from school to adulthood (data collection and outcome monitoring).

- DODD continues Mobility Ohio work with ODOT and other health and human service organizations (ongoing).

- Continue communication committee until October 2022.

- Continue provider capacity-building efforts.

- Conduct research regarding the professional services that are available through Medicaid State Plan and identify a plan to bridge the gap between Medicaid State Plan Services and adult day array services available through the IO, Level 1, and SELF.

- Develop interagency agreement with ODE to target transition-age youth.

- Strengthen interagency agreements with OOD, identify key performance measures.

- Target, support, and promote minority service providers, people served, and families.

- Aggressively increase the use of technology across service delivery array to serve people more efficiently and effectively.

Fiscal Year 2024
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Modify county board administration and provider certification rules to incorporate the use of the standard measurement tool/rubric around quality work, non-work, and transportation services. **(Estimated Rule Effective Date: June 30, 2024.)**

Training and Resources

- Continue regional training cohorts (see above).

Other Items

- DODD continues Mobility Ohio work with ODOT and other health and human service organizations (ongoing).

- Continue provider capacity-building efforts.

- Review the nursing facility Adult Day Health Center service. Evaluate the possibility to add it to all three waivers as a comprehensive service to allow for an adult day service that may include the following: Therapeutic services, such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, or speech-language pathology/communication therapy. Behavior management or counseling (consider this across any setting). Medical and psychiatric evaluations.

- Conduct research regarding the professional services that are available through Medicaid State Plan and identify a plan to bridge the gap between Medicaid State Plan Services and adult day array services available through the IO, Level 1, and SELF.

- Strengthen interagency agreements with OOD, identify key performance measures.

- Target, support, and promote minority service providers, people served, and families.

- Aggressively increase the use of technology across the service delivery array to serve people more efficiently and effectively.