

# Meeting summary for ID/DD Member Call (05/28/2025)

## Quick recap

The meeting covered updates on federal and state budget processes, potential funding opportunities, and legislative developments affecting ICF providers and DD services. Discussions included survey issues, proposed changes to survey frequency, and updates on House Bills 141 and 225. The meeting also addressed administrative matters such as the DSP Compensation Survey deadline, convention certificates, and the opening of the 2025 OHCA Certification Scholarship application period.

## Next steps

- [Steve to follow up with Pete on potential connections to assisted living providers using tax credit programs for funding.](#)
- [Debbie to research whether active treatment requirements for ICFs are in law or just in CMS rules.](#)
- [Debbie to look into survey issues emailed by ICF providers after the meeting.](#)
- [OHCA members to complete the DSP Compensation survey by June 25th.](#)
- [OHCA members to check their email \(including spam folder\) for convention certificates from \[ohca@showcare.com\]\(mailto:ohca@showcare.com\).](#)
- [OHCA members interested in certification scholarships to prepare for application opening on June 2nd.](#)

## Summary

### Idd Member Call Introduction

Jason welcomed everyone to the Idd Member call and mentioned that Debbie would kick off the meeting. Debbie introduced Steve's question to the group, encouraging others to provide answers. Jason noted that people should have time to join and wait for the sirens to stop, as he could barely hear them at his house. Debbie assured that she could hear them well and would give the thumbs up when ready to proceed.

### New Markets Tax Credits Discussion

Stephen discussed a potential new markets tax credits transaction with the Development Fund of the Western Reserve, which could provide \$10 million in funding, equivalent to \$8.18 million for Hattie Larlem. He sought input from the group about other ICFs in Ohio that might have used this targeted population option, as it's a complex program with only 5% of funding going to targeted populations since 2000. Debbie provided an update on the Federal budget, noting concerns about the provider tax and franchise permit fee for ICF providers, as well as potential impacts on Medicaid funding, which could affect DD services. Pete mentioned that similar tax credits are used in Medicaid-assisted living facilities, and offered to connect Stephen with members who could provide more information on the new markets tax credit program.

### Federal and State Budget Updates

Debbie and Pete provided updates on both federal and state budget processes. They discussed the potential impact of the Federal Budget Reconciliation Bill on Medicaid and emphasized the importance of passing the Ohio state budget before the federal bill is enacted. Debbie shared that they will continue advocacy efforts in Washington D.C. and encouraged continued support from Ohio CA members. Pete updated on the state budget process, noting that amendments are being reviewed and a Senate substitute bill is expected next week. They expressed concern about the tight timeline due to potential quick movement on the federal bill. Debbie also mentioned upcoming meetings with CMS to discuss ICF issues.

#### ICF Survey and Medicaid Updates

Debbie discussed survey issues for ICF providers, proposing changes to the survey frequency based on the number of citations. She also shared information about House Bill 141, which aims to create a new Medicaid program for prescribed pediatric extended care centers for medically fragile children. Debbie invited providers to share any survey issues and provided a link to the bill for further information.

#### Bill Updates and Certification Deadlines

The meeting covered updates on House Bill 141 and House Bill 225, with Debbie and Jason providing information and monitoring progress. Jason reminded attendees about the DSP Compensation Survey deadline on June 25th and shared details about obtaining certificates from the recent convention. He also announced the opening of the 2025 OHCA Certification Scholarship application period on June 2nd, which will run for two weeks on a first-come, first-served basis.

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