Shared Living-IO Waiver

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What is Shared Living?

- Ohio Shared Living is the service authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities for people who live with paid caregivers who deliver at least 20 percent of the person's personal care and support services.
- Shared Living became available in the Individual Options waiver on October 1, 2017
- SL replaced Adult Family Living and Adult Foster Care

How is Shared Living different from AFL and AFC?

- Shared living applies whether the caregiver who lives with the individual is related or not.
- Shared Living is only authorized using a daily rate and has no 15 minute unit option available.
- Shared Living has one daily rate for independent providers and one daily rate for agency providers.
- Shared Living has higher rates than AFL and AFC. While the amount of increase is not the same for every Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile (ODDP) funding range, there is at least a slight increase for every range.

Shared Living rates and the ODDP, Rate Modifications (Add-Ons), and PA

- When the cost of shared living exceeds the person's ODDP funding range, the individual may still receive shared living 365 days per year without requesting a Prior Authorization (PA).
- ▶ PA is only required when the person needs services other than SL that exceed the ODDP funding range (i.e., HPC, transportation, modifications, equipment, respite).
- Rate Modifications, or Add-Ons, do not apply to Shared Living.

Things to consider when utilizing Shared Living

- The county board is required to authorize Shared Living, instead of Homemaker/Personal Care, when the person lives with one or more caregivers who alone or combined deliver at least 20% of the person's personal care and support services.
- HPC and Shared Living cannot be provided on the same day. It is important to consider back-up plans for how a person's services will be delivered when the Shared Living provider is unavailable.

Things to consider when utilizing Shared Living

- The same caregiver cannot provide both Shared Living and home health aide services to the person. However, the person may receive HHA services from a different caregiver on days when the Shared Living provider is unavailable.
- A person who requires intermittent nursing (less than 4 hours) may receive state plan home health nursing AND shared living on the same day. However, the same caregiver cannot deliver both services to that person.

Shared Living and Private Duty Nursing (PDN)

- In unique circumstances, private duty nursing (PDN), may be approved for use on the same day as Shared Living
- In unique circumstances, private duty nursing (PDN), a continuous nursing service available through the Medicaid card, may be approved for use on the same day as Shared Living. Typically, individuals who require shifts of nursing that are greater than 4 hours in duration would have nursing authorized instead of Shared Living, not both.
- Individuals who do receive both Shared Living and PDN may not receive both services from the same caregiver, whether on the same or different days.

Questions?

- Resources:
- DODD.ohio.gov
 - Rules in Effect
 - 5123:2-9-33 Home and community-based services waivers- shared living under the individual options waiver
 - Appendix A- Billing Unit, Service codes, and Payment Rates for Shared Living
 - Appendix B- Cost-of-Doing-Business Categories