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# Ohio Medicaid and Waivers

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# The Arc of Ohio - [www.TheArcofOhio.org](http://www.TheArcofOhio.org)

## About Us

The Arc of Ohio is a statewide membership association made up of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends, interested citizens and professionals in the disability field. Together with our individual members and local chapters, we represent more than 330,000 Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Ohio Law recognizes The Arc of Ohio as the organization to represent families in legislative decisions.

## Mission Statement

The mission of The Arc of Ohio is to advocate for human rights, personal dignity and community participation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, through legislative and social action, information and education, local chapter support and family involvement.

# Medicaid Waivers - Types

## ★ Ohio Department of Medicaid

- Ohio Home Care Waiver
- PASSPORT Waiver
- Assisted Living Waiver

## ★ Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)

- Level 1
- Individual Options (IO)
- Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF)

## ★ Level of Care (LOC)

- Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)
- Nursing Home

# Medicaid Waivers - What are they?

- ★ Medicaid Waiver programs help provide services to people who would otherwise be in an institution, nursing home, or hospital to receive long-term care in the community.
- ★ Prior to 1991, the Federal Medicaid program paid for services only if a person lived in an institution.
- ★ The approval of Federal Medicaid Waiver programs allowed states to provide services to consumers in their homes and in their communities.
- ★ All state Medicaid Waiver services must be approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

# Medicaid Waivers - How are they funded?

- ★ Medicaid is a Federal and State tax funding partnership.
- ★ Ohio's Medicaid formula is about 60% Federal tax and 40% Ohio tax.
- ★ Funding Formula + Statutory Authority = Federal Government has a say in all Medicaid Waiver services.
- ★ Kaiser Family Foundation - Medicaid: [www.kff.org/medicaid](http://www.kff.org/medicaid)

# Medicaid Waivers - Why is Ohio Different?

- ★ 1950s - Education laws discriminating against children with disabilities mobilize families to create their own schools.
- ★ 1960s - Ohio establishes County Boards of MR/DD and allows them the ability to collect local taxes for their services.
- ★ 1970s - Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- ★ 1990s - The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Medicaid Waivers approved.
- ★ 2000s - Ohio is approved for Medicaid Waivers

# Medicaid Waivers - Why is Ohio Different?

- ★ Local county boards of developmental disabilities pay the 40% Medicaid portion (match) for waivers enrolled in their counties through local tax funding.
- ★ Gives county board local Medicaid authority over the waivers on which they pay the match.
- ★ 88 Counties = 88 Different Ways
- ★ State Funded Waivers

# Medicaid Waivers - Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for enrollment in a home and community-based services waiver administered by DODD a person shall:

- ★ Be eligible for Ohio Medicaid - [www.medicaid.ohio.gov](http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov)
  - Ohio Resident
  - Financial Requirements
- ★ Have a developmental disabilities level of care
  - Diagnosed with a severe, chronic disability that:
    - Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments, other than an impairment caused solely by mental illness
    - Is manifested before the person is age twenty-two
    - Is likely to continue indefinitely
    - Presents substantial functional limitations in at least three areas of major life activities



# Medicaid Waivers - Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for enrollment in a home and community-based services waiver administered by DODD a person shall:

- ★ Choose enrollment in a home and community-based services waiver in lieu of placement in an ICF
- ★ Require, at a minimum, one waiver service
- ★ Be able to have health and welfare needs met through waiver services at or below the federally-approved cost limitation, and through a combination of informal and formal supports

# Medicaid Waivers - How to Apply

- ★ Contact local county board of DD
- ★ Request to be placed on the waiver waiting list
- ★ Request an assessment to determine priority status to be completed
- ★ Prepare for Medicaid eligibility
- ★ Know what you need and how the waiver can support those needs

# Medicaid Waivers - Challenges

## ★ Common Myths

- Age requirements
- Waiver is only for a Medicaid card

## ★ Order of Enrollment

- 88 different ways to use priority categories

## ★ Waiting Lists

- Current Issues
- Proposed Changes - Fix The List

## ★ Scarcity of Funding

## ★ Other Challenges

- Waiver is only a funding source. A provider is required to provide the service.

# Medicaid Waivers - Home and Community Based Services

## ★ The Big 3

- Homemaker Personal Care
- Transportation
- Day/Employment Services

## ★ Waiver Specific ([See Handout](#))

- Level 1
- IO
- SELF

# Medicaid Waivers - Recent Changes

- ★ Complex Care Add-On (IO)
- ★ Shared Living (IO)
- ★ Increased Home Modification Cap (IO)
- ★ Medication Administration Rule Changes
- ★ Delegated Nursing Reimbursement (All DD Waivers)
- ★ Community Inclusion Removed and HPC Added (SELF)
- ★ HPC Self-Direction Added (Common Law - IO and Level 1)
- ★ DSP Increased Rate - Merit Based (All DD Waivers)

# Medicaid Waivers - Coming Changes

- ★ Assistive Technology and Remote Supports
- ★ Non-Medical Transportation
- ★ FBA/CTI - SELF Waiver/Medicaid
- ★ Waiting List - Proposed Rule
- ★ Provider Compliance - Statute Driven
- ★ Major Unusual Incidents

# Medicaid Waivers - Stay Informed

## ★ The Arc of Ohio

- Facebook Groups
- Email List
- Website

## ★ Ohio Department of DD (DODD)

- Pipeline and Family Connections
- #FamilyTalk
- Family Advisory Council

## ★ Local County Board of DD

- Support Groups and Feedback

## ★ Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA)

## ★ Ohio Association of County Boards (OABD)

## ★ Disability Rights Ohio (DRO)

## ★ Other Advocacy Organizations

# Questions?



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