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County Board of Developmental Disabilities Overview





The HOME Choice Team

To provide a successful transition for individuals, we must meet their needs by:

- Increasing our Communication & Collaboration
- Increasing our Knowledge & Resources
- Having a team approach to discharge planning
- Knowing who the players are
- Thinking bigger picture to tear down the silo's

Ohio HOME Choice

- **Established in 2008** as a Federal Grant program with the goal of transitioning 2000 individuals in Ohio during the duration of the grant
- As of June 2015, **over 6500 people have enjoyed new found independence through HOME Choice**
- Ohio **ranks second nationally** for overall transitions completed, and is the **nation's leader** in transitioning individuals with mental illness



Ohio HOME Choice

- HOME Choice is a wrap around program to Ohio's existing infrastructure of long term services and supports
- It is **not** a waiver program
- The program offers "extra" services to individuals for the first 365 days post discharge
- Is available to persons enrolled on a Medicaid waiver and to those who do not need the level of services of a waiver



How Transition Works

The Individual, a guardian, the Facility or a County Board, etc:

- Expresses an interest in HOME Choice
- Completes application and submits to ODM (HOME Choice Operations) – *Anyone can submit*
- County Board SSA/Case Manager works with participant to choose a Transition Coordinator.
- Transition Coordinator works with the County Board SSA/Case Manager to assist the participant in discharge planning activities.



Ohio HOME Choice

Ohio Department of Medicaid HOME Choice Program Activity (May 18, 2015)		
Program Area	Indicator	Statistic
HC Program Transitions	Current Population of HOME Choice Enrollees	1,256
	New HOME Choice Transitions To-Date in 2015	550
	Total HOME Choice Transitions To-Date (since 2008)	6,369
Current HC Transitions (by service population)	Mental Health/Substance Abuse	41.6%
	Physical Disabilities	34.3%
	Elderly (age 60 and over)	18.5%
	Developmental Disabilities	5.6%
HC Waiver Activity	Current HC Enrollees on Waiver programs	38.9%
	Current HC Enrollees on State Plans (non-waivers)	61.1%
HC Candidates in the Pipeline	Applications Received or Approved (not yet assessed)	7
	Candidates Assessed and in the Pre-Transition Stage	1,239



Who is Eligible?

To participate in HOME Choice individuals must:

1. Have lived in a facility-based (NF, ICF-IID, Hospital or RTF for children) care setting for a least 90 days,
2. Have care needs evaluated by HOME Choice staff,
3. Qualify for Medicaid, and
4. Move into qualified housing



Qualified Housing

The following are types of qualified housing:

- A home owned or leased by the individual or family member
- An individually leased and lockable apartment rented by the individual or family member
 - Sleeping, bathing, and cooking areas within the unit over which the individual or the individual's family has domain and control
- A community based residential setting with no more than four unrelated persons

Services Available for Persons with ID/DD

- **Case Management** for HOME Choice is always provided by the County Boards of DD
- **Transition Coordination** County Board or other TC agency (process is a bit different depending on who is the TC.)
- **Community Transition Services** (start up goods and services, pre-transition transportation)
 - These funds are fronted by the TC Agency
 - TC Agency seeks reimbursement from Fiscal Mgmt. Agency
 - County Board option or other TC Agency option



Services Available for Persons with ID/DD

- **Community Support Coaching** – Available in addition to IO waiver: “to guide, educate & empower” the individual
- **HOME Choice Nursing Services** – “Intermittent Nursing” available
- **Communication Aids** – Some overlap with waiver possible. Check rule first.
- (Seldom accessed, but available.)



Transition Coordinators

- Centers for Independent Living
- Long Term Care Ombudsmen Program
- County Boards of DD
- MHAS designated MH agencies
- ODM designated agencies



The County Board and HOME Choice

- **Option 1** – County Board will be the HOME Choice Case Manager only who shall:
 - Lead contact & Coordinator for all things related to transitioning the individual, including HOME Choice
 - Submits all HC Forms: Application, Informed Consent, Eligibility Checklist & HC Service Plan with TC identified to HC Operations
 - Supports individual in choosing TC Agency
 - Submits HC Enrollment Form at time of discharge
 - Provides HOME Choice case management during the 365 days in community while enrolled on HOME Choice

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- **Option 2** – County Board will be the HC Case Manager & Transition Coordinator who shall:
 - **Be responsible for all items in Option 1 plus:**
 - Be the lead person responsible for transitioning into community: Housing, benefits, services, supports, purchase of “Goods & Services”, ensuring health & safety, etc.
 - Submit HC documents: Qualified Residence Statement, Lease/Rent Verification and TC Summary of Activities to HC Operations.

Transition Coordinator Role

- Assists in securing safe & appropriate housing that meets qualified residence criteria
- Identifies necessary resources & service linkage for a successful community transition
- Participates in team meetings & discharge planning as scheduled by the SSA/Case Manager
- Works with waiver providers, discharge planners, etc. with the move into community
- **When TC is not the county board, their role continues for the 1st 90 days in community** in accordance with their provider agreement.

What Happens AFTER Discharge?

- Individual is enrolled in HCBS waiver program for which they are eligible and meets their needs
- Waiver service coordinator/Case Manager authorizes and coordinates HOME Choice services during the 365 days post discharge
- Waiver service coordinator/Case Manager reports changes in status to ODM HOME Choice Operations
- Non county board TC remains involved for 1st 90 days in community & interfaces with county board staff, providers & HOME Choice enrollee.



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