

Level One Waiver Renewal Posted for Public Comment

The Level One renewal reflects clarifications and oversight revisions by the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). The majority of these renewal changes are focused on strengthening ODM's health and welfare oversight over all 1915(c) Home and Community-Based (HCBS) waiver programs.

The Level One waiver remains a significantly positive program in Ohio for those individuals with a developmental disability, especially those whose support needs are primarily met by family or informal support systems.

Changes to the Level One waiver renewal

Below is a summary of the key changes to the waiver. A link to the full waiver renewal is included below the summary. If you'd like a paper copy of the amendment, please call (614) 466-5990.

Ohio has amended the approved waiver application with the following changes:

- Modifications to the Ohio Quality Strategy as part of waiver alignment in A-2-b, Quality Improvement in Appendix A under b-i, and H-1-a-i;
- A3 and A7 were updated to reflect the use of a Financial Management Services contractor to perform certain functions to support participant direction;
- Updated C count and reserved capacity in Appendix B-3;
- Modifications to the definition of the Homemaker/Personal Care and Participant-Directed Homemaker/Personal Care service in Appendix C1/C3 to reflect current Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) language;
- Rewording performance measures C6 and C7 to read in the affirmative, rather than in the negative;
- Edits throughout Appendix G to reflect alignment between the DODD-administered waiver applications and updated OAC rule number changes;
- New performance measures in Appendix G which represent the commitment to quality improvement standardization between the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), and the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA); and
- New Appendix J cost projections for the period beginning July 1, 2021-June 30, 2026.

Public comments welcome

As part of the waiver amendment process, the public can comment on the proposed amendment. The public comment period is January 11-February 10, 2021. Comments must be received by midnight on February 10, 2021 and can be submitted by:

E-mail: waiverfeedback@dodd.ohio.gov

U.S. mail: On the envelope, please address the letter to the waiver you're commenting about, i.e., "Level One DD Waiver renewal," and mail to:

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Phone: Call toll-free to leave a voicemail message at (800) 364-3153 or (614) 466-5990

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