

Individual Options Waiver Amendment Posted for Public Comment

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

Changes to the Individual Options waiver amendment

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

The State is posting the SELF waiver amendment application for the public's review and comment prior to submitting the proposed amendment to CMS for consideration.

- 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;
- Updates to reserved capacity to reflect Emergency and Hearing Decisions, including information pertinent to Ohio House Bill 287;
- Modifications to the definition of the Homemaker/Personal Care, Homemaker/Personal Care Daily Billing, and Participant-Directed Homemaker/Personal Care services 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
- A technical correction in I-2-a, I-2-b, I-2-d, I-3-b, and I-3-d to replace rate methodologies for the Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF) waiver with the correct rate methodologies for IO.

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., "Individual Options DD Waiver amendment," and mail to:

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