



**Ohio Department
of Medicaid**

Self-Direction Workgroup

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Bureau of Long-Term Services and Supports

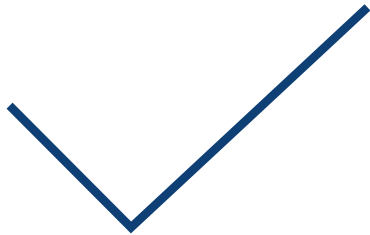


Agenda

- Welcome
- Caregiver Enrollment Updates
- Self-Directed Services
- Next Steps

Caregiver Enrollment Updates

Improve enrollment processes (from the Ohio Self-Direction Summit Recommendations)



- Utilize plain language and provide user-friendly materials, such as an accessible program manual.
 - Pending updates once policy decisions are finalized
- Review and simplify processes to reduce onboarding time and complexity
 - Work underway to outline process flow, working with PPL to become the caregiver enrollment entity
- Provide options to enroll online or using a paper application.
 - PPL will be able to accommodate either
- Allow for conditional employment enabling self-directed caregivers to begin work prior to completion of the background check and/or other enrollment requirements.
 - This will be added to our rules and waiver, PPL can complete expedited enrollment
- Consider authorizing the FMS provider to implement the background check as a way to expedite the process.
 - This will be part of the new PPL self-directed caregiver enrollment process

Self-Directed Services

Expand self-directed services (from the Ohio Self-Direction Summit Recommendations)

Expand the services that may be self-directed.

- a. Include the option to self-direct across all of Ohio's waiver programs.
- b. Retain non-medical and non-emergency medical transportation services.
- c. Allow for nursing services to be self-directed.
- d. Consider additional services which may be self-directed under CMS rules.
- e. Ensure that self-direction allows for greater choice and control than the independent provider model.

Currently self-directed on MyCare:

- Employer authority:
 - Choices home care attendant services provided by a participant-directed individual provider; and
 - Personal care services provided by a participant-directed personal care provider.
- Budget authority:
 - Alternative meals;
 - Choices home care attendant services;
 - Home maintenance and chore services;
 - Home modification services; and
 - Home medical equipment and supplemental adaptive and assistive devices.

Currently available Ohio Home Care Waiver services:

- Personal care services*
- Waiver nursing services
- Home Care Attendant
- Adult Day Health
- Out of Home Respite
- Home Maintenance/Chore*
- Minor Home Modifications*
- Home Delivered Meals
- Supplemental Adaptive and Assistive Devices*
- Supplemental Transportation Services
- Emergency Response System
- Community Integration Services
- Community Transition Services

*indicates self-directed on MyCare waiver

Services discussion



- Which services would be best for employer authority?
- Which services would work best for budget authority?
- Should the initial eligibility requirements be the same as the provider-managed services?
- Should the ongoing eligibility requirements be the same as the provider-managed services?

Self-Directed Caregiver Eligibility

- Should the initial eligibility requirements be the same as the provider-managed services?
- Should the ongoing eligibility requirements be the same as the provider-managed services



What else do we need to consider?



Next Steps

Next Steps

- Recap ODM action items
- Next Meeting: 1/24/24, 4-5 pm
- Next topic?
- Thank you!!
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