

What is RSS?

The Residential State Supplement (RSS) program provides financial and Medicaid assistance to adults with disabilities who want to live in the community. People who enroll in RSS have increased needs, but do not require long-term care in an institution, such as a nursing home or hospital. Enrollees combine the RSS benefit with their income to pay the monthly Allowable Fee (or "rent") to eligible facilities in the community. RSS is one Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) program that helps people by supporting sustainable, person-centered transitions so individuals can live and recover within integrated communities.

How do I apply for RSS?

All forms to complete your RSS application are available at mha.ohio.gov/RSS. Please submit the application to OhioMHAS via encrypted email to RSS@mha.ohio.gov or fax to (614) 485-9747.

**FIND MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT
RSS AT
<http://mha.ohio.gov/RSS>**



What is my Allowable Fee (or "rent")?

The Allowable Fee is what you pay the Residential Facility every month by combining the RSS benefit with your income, which may be Social Security, SSI or SSDI. The Allowable Fee amount that Residential Facilities may charge residents with RSS is \$1,600 per month*. The monthly rent includes Accommodations, Supervision and Personal Care Services. After paying the Allowable Fee to the operator, you should have about \$200 remaining for your Personal Needs Allowance each month.

If you have a Representative Payee for your Social Security, SSI, or SSDI, then that person or agency should be listed on the RSS Program Application.

What if I am no longer enrolled in RSS and I still receive a payment?

You or your Representative Payee are responsible for returning any RSS payments received after your effective disenrollment date. If you have already deposited the RSS payment, please return the funds via check or money order written as payable to "State Treasurer's Office". Please include your full name and dates that the RSS Return Payment covers, e.g., 8/1/2023 - 9/30/2023. Please send the check or money order to the OhioMHAS address below. If you have not deposited your RSS payment(s), please return the original RSS check(s) to:

RSS Return Payments
c/o OhioMHAS
30 E. Broad St., 36th floor
Columbus, OH 43215



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WELCOME TO THE Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program

RSS helps adults with disabilities live
in the community in Class Two
Residential Facilities



<http://mha.ohio.gov/RSS>

What should I expect now that I am enrolled in RSS?

OhioMHAS is responsible for RSS and works with County Department of Job & Family Services (CDJFS) offices statewide to determine peoples' eligibility for the RSS program.

Once your application is approved, you will be enrolled in RSS Medicaid and receive your first RSS benefit within one month of moving into the Residential Facility. You or your Representative Payee will receive the RSS payment monthly, either by a mailed check or direct deposit into a bank account.

If you or your Representative Payee do not receive your RSS benefit as expected, please contact your local CDJFS office to confirm the mailing address or bank account information. Also, please contact your local CDJFS office to make arrangements for direct deposit.

What are my responsibilities to remain in the program?

- You must choose an eligible living arrangement in the community to remain enrolled in RSS. Eligible living arrangements include Class Two Residential Facilities (RF2's) licensed by OhioMHAS.
- Contact the CDJFS office within ten (10) days of any changes of status, such as changes in address or income, or have updated information about your Representative Payee or Legal Guardian.
- You should provide OhioMHAS and your local CDJFS office any requested information to determine your ongoing RSS eligibility.

*** The Allowable Fee/rent amount was increased from \$1,100 to \$1,600 per month effective July 1, 2023.**



What are the Facility Operator's responsibilities?

- The Facility Operator must accept the Allowable Fee (or "rent") of \$1,600* as payment in full for Accommodations, Supervision and Personal Care Services provided by the Residential Facility.
- Provide a Resident Agreement, which should include any possible fees for additional services the facility may offer. *The Resident Agreement should be reviewed and agreed to in writing by you or your Legal Guardian before you move into the Residential Facility.*
- The Facility Operator must participate in the RSS Verification Process quarterly to remain an eligible living arrangement for the program.
- If serving an RSS enrollee with a behavioral health diagnosis, the Facility Operator should work with the individual and local service provider to develop a Mental Health Plan for Care.

When should I contact OhioMHAS?

- Before you move to a new residence to confirm whether you will be living in an eligible Residential Facility or choosing to disenroll from RSS.
- If you are admitted to a nursing home or hospital. If you plan to return to the Residential Facility, you may continue receiving RSS

benefits for up to ninety (90) days so you can continue paying rent and return to the Residential Facility once you leave the nursing home or hospital.

- If you think your rights as a resident are being violated, including if you have questions whether you are being overcharged by the living arrangement.

Contact OhioMHAS Community Transitions via phone at **(614) 752-9316** or email at **RSS@mha.ohio.gov**

When should I contact my local CDJFS office?

- Within ten (10) days of any changes, including if you are planning to move, have changes in income, have updated information about your Representative Payee or Legal Guardian, or will begin a waiver program.
- When you have questions about your financial eligibility for RSS, including changes in income and the amount of your RSS benefit.
- If you want to have RSS payments directly deposited into your or your Representative Payee's bank account.