

# Independent Provider Certification Resources

To become a provider of home and community-based services (HCBS) for a person enrolled on an Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) waiver, the provider must become certified. Requirements for certification can be found in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) [5123-2-09](#), and its appendices. The certification process is necessary for DODD to ensure people we serve are getting quality care from quality providers. It also allows DODD to pay the provider for the services rendered.

**Attention Nurses:** All licensed nurses must enroll with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) before they can be certified by DODD, even if they are not planning to provide waiver nursing services.

## Helpful Resources

[DODD Webpage – “Become an Independent Provider”](#) – Everything you need to know about becoming an independent provider.

[Independent \(Waiver\) Provider Checklist](#) – Be sure you have all the necessary documentation before starting your application. This will ensure a smooth process.

[Prior to Applying for Certification Guidance](#) – Helpful information about background checks, training, provider numbers, and more.

[Department-Provided Training](#) – Online training courses for direct support professionals and independent providers.

[Provider Network Management \(PNM\) Training](#) – PNM is the system used to start the provider application process. If you have never been a provider in Ohio, you will be a ‘New’ provider. If you’re currently a provider in Ohio, or were previously, the PNM to PSM Certified Provider is the ‘How-To’ guide to use.

[Request for Expedited Independent Provider Certification Application form](#) - To request expedited DODD review of an initial independent provider certification application that meets [the criteria](#), the individual’s Service and Support Administrator must complete this form and submit to DODD.

[Electronic Visit Verification \(EVV\) Independent Provider Training](#) - Direct care workers check in at the beginning and check out at the end of each visit using the EVV system.

Please reach out to [provider.certification@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:provider.certification@dodd.ohio.gov) with any questions regarding the certification process.