



July 15, 2016

John McCarthy, Director  
Ohio Department of Medicaid  
50 W. Town Street – Suite 400  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approves Ohio's 1915(c) home and community-based services Individual Options waiver amendment. The waiver will continue to serve individuals of any age with mental retardation or developmental disability in lieu of institutionalization in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This waiver amendment has been assigned control number 0231.R04.03, which the state should use in all future correspondence.

Effective August 1, 2016, this amendment reflects the changes required to align with the Medicaid State Plan to convert from a section 209(b) state to a section 1634 state, including specifying a transition plan, identifying the eligibility groups served in the waiver and revising state policies regarding post-eligibility treatment of income to reflect the conversion.

The CMS greatly appreciates any and all ongoing communication with the state to help keep the Regional Office informed of any changes or updates related to this waiver. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Keri Toback at (312) 353-1754 or by e-mail at [Keri.Toback@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Keri.Toback@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth A. Hughes".

Ruth A. Hughes  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

cc: Icilda Dickerson, ODM