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John McCarthy, Director
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Dear Mr. McCarthy:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approves Ohio's request to renew the Transition Developmental Disabilities (Transitions DD) home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver authorized under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The renewed waiver will continue to serve individuals with a developmental disability who meet an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities level of care (ICF/IID). The waiver renewal is assigned control number 0383.R03.00, which the state should use in all future correspondence.

Based on the assurances provided and responses to CMS' questions, CMS approves this renewal with the effective date of July 1, 2015. This approval is subject to the state's agreement to provide HCB services to no more than the approved number of unduplicated recipients at the respective per capita waiver expenditure estimates.

Within the waiver renewal, the state plans to phase out the waiver during the first two years of the waiver span. This renewal provides for the transition of individuals enrolled on the Transition DD Waiver into Ohio's Individual Options, Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF), and Level One waivers. The phase out of Transition DD waiver aligns with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) of reducing the number of waivers administered and to allow for individuals to have access to a broader array of services that enhance opportunities for integration.

The renewal reflects the DODD revised eligibility assessment tool for determining eligibility for ICF/IID level of care to include more relevant items and greater specificity in describing applicant/beneficiary disability and functioning. The renewal includes both Attachment #2: HCB Settings Waiver Transition Plan and Appendix C-5: HCB Settings, as it relates to this particular waiver. Conflict of interest safeguards were addressed. The State has updated Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions. Finally, the State has updated the quality oversight strategy and performance measures to ensure alignment with CMS Quality Letter (dated March 12, 2014), titled "Modifications to Quality Measures and Reporting in 1915c Home and Community Based Waivers".

The CMS approves the following estimates of utilization and cost of waiver services:

	Unduplicated Recipients (Factor C)	Community Costs (Factor D+D')	Institutional Costs (Factor G+G')	Total Waiver Costs (Factor C x Factor D)
Year 1	3000	\$65,206.17	\$104,172.77	\$41,228,316
Year 2	2,000	\$66,753.39	\$107,194.96	\$27,492,180
Year 3		\$62,487.60	\$110,410.81	0
Year 4		\$64,125.53	\$113,723.13	0
Year 5		\$65,812.59	\$117,134.83	0

The CMS looks forward to working with Ohio's Department of Medicaid as it continues to administer this waiver. If the state has any questions, please contact Keri Toback at (312) 353-1754 or by e-mail at keri.toback@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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