

ICF-IID Updates and Hot Topics

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Agenda Topics

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CareStar Options Counseling

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- **What is Options Counseling?**
 - Information provided to help someone understand the differences between ICF and Waiver services
- **DODD has entered into a contract with CareStar to provide options counseling to ICF residents during the current biennium**
- **How:**
 - Materials
 - General Sessions
 - Individual Sessions

CareStar Options Counseling

- **Materials:** In conjunction with the Department, CareStar developed a number of easy read guides, informational materials to describe the differences and similarities between the ICF and waiver programs
 - Available on the DODD website:
dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/WhereILive/Pages/PAOC.aspx
- **These materials are also available for ICFs to use in annual options counseling required for each resident.**

CareStar Options Counseling

- **General Sessions:** CareStar has begun hosting sessions throughout the state open to anyone interested in learning more about the distinctions between the ICF and waiver programs.
 - The schedule for future sessions is online:
www.carestar.com/en-us/csinaction/mycommunityoptionssessions.aspx
 - A recording of a recent session is online:
dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/WhereILive/Documents/CommunityOptionsWebinar/player.html

CareStar Options Counseling

- **Individual Sessions:** CareStar has begun and will continue to schedule individual meetings with approximately 1,050 residents who live in large ICFs (9+ beds).
 - CareStar will work with the Q to schedule with guardians/ individuals
 - CareStar is an agent of DODD—information should be provided upon request, no separate release needed
 - Sessions should last 45-60 minutes
- **Note that individual sessions do NOT take the place of annual requirement for options counseling for everyone in an ICF**

CareStar Options Counseling

- **Common questions:**
 - How was the CareStar list developed?
 - What if the family/advocates/guardian says no to the individual obtaining a waiver?
 - What is the timeline if someone chooses a waiver?
 - If the individual chooses waiver, how is housing determined and by whom?
 - What kind of waiver will they get?
 - If someone says no, are they removed from the waiting list?

Waivers

Waiver - Conversion

- **Definition:** Bed is removed from the ICF program and the funding source changes from ICF to waiver. The funding follows the individual in the bed to the waiver, or there is funding available for a new individual to get a waiver if the bed was vacant.
- **Providers must submit a downsizing/conversion plan to the Department for prior approval.**
- **Prior to the actual conversion of beds, a development application must also be completed.**
- **Conversion assistance is now available from the Department of up to \$1,000/individual. Details will soon be available on our website.**

Waiver - Exit

- **Definition:** Someone currently in an ICF chooses to leave to be served through a waiver in a community setting.
- **Approximately 800 available this biennium**
 - Will be allocated at approximately 45-50/month
 - Priority based on length of time on the waiting list and length of time in an ICF
 - May be identified through CareStar, APSI/guardian, individual, or options counseling done by ICF or DODD staff upon request
- **Conversion waiver takes priority over Exit waiver**
- **ICF role:** Work with the team (individual/guardian/County Board) to develop a transition plan to minimize disruption and maintain health & welfare.

Waiver – Waiting List Reduction

- **Definition:** State-supported waivers for those on the waiting list; not necessarily someone in an ICF. These waivers are in addition to new waivers funded by County Boards
- **Allocated to counties based on waiver enrollment – every county received at least 2 waivers**
- **County Boards may contact ICFs directly about a waiting list waiver for one of their residents**
- **Prior to enrollment, County Boards will confirm the individual is not already scheduled for a Conversion or Exit waiver**

Waiver - Diversion

- **Definition:** Someone seeking admission to an ICF chooses a waiver instead of the ICF after completion of pre-admission counseling.
- **Prior to admission, large ICFs are required to submit a referral to the County Board in the individual's county of residence**
- **Approximately 300-400 available this biennium**
- **Information on the pre-admission counseling process is online:**
dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/WhereILive/Pages/PAOC.aspx

IAF

IAF – New Information

- **The Department will soon be releasing some new information to help ICF providers with the IAF assessment process**
 - What to Expect: Exception Review
 - IAF Resource Guide
 - Updated IAF Instructions
- **Exception Reviews:** Reconsiderations will be done by DODD staff not included in the review process for the ICF requesting the Reconsideration

LOC/IAF Integration

- **We have experienced a number of issues maintaining continuity between LOC and IAF rosters**
 - As a result, **IAF Rosters will be turned back on** for provider updates before the 3/31/16 RPED
 - The interface between LOC/IAF will remain on, but if something does not update correctly, providers will be able to make roster changes themselves in IAF
- ***VERY IMPORTANT: Any roster changes made in IAF will NOT transfer to LOC. Providers must still make all changes in LOC.***

PCG Reimbursement Redesign

PCG – ICF Reimbursement

- **The Department has contracted with PCG to develop a new ICF Reimbursement model**
- **Major topics to be considered are the IAF, capital costs, day programming, peer groups, and quality incentives**
- **Recommendations expected by September**
- **PCG will be working closely with stakeholders via the monthly ICF Reimbursement Workgroup**
- **Thanks to those who volunteered for a visit by PCG this week!**

Cost Reports

ICF Cost Reports

- **Reminder:** Due date is 3/31/16 for CY15 cost reports
 - A 14 day extension may be granted, but must be received by DODD prior to the due date
- **Reminder for Downsizing/Conversion cost reports (Type 4.8)**
- **MITIS Project to submit online for CY16**
- **New Instructions posted online:**
dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/WhereILive/Pages/CostReportInstructions.aspx

Rate Setting

ICF Rate Setting FY17

- **Statewide average rate climbs to \$288.27 (represents 2% increase from FY15)**
- **Rates will use the same ceilings for Direct and Indirect Care**
- **How will rate be increased?: Direct Support Personnel Payment**
 - Amount added to per diem rate based on each provider's direct care costs
 - Same % applied for each provider
 - High cost providers will get more, low cost providers will get less
 - **Example:**
 - Provider A has Direct Care costs \$200/day, Provider B has Direct Care costs of \$100/day
 - To illustrate, assume Direct Support Personnel % is calculated to be 2%
 - » Provider A Direct Support Personnel payment = $\$200/\text{day} \times 2\% = \$4/\text{day}$;
 - Provider B Direct Support Personnel payment = $\$100/\text{day} \times 2\% = \$2/\text{day}$
- **Peer Group 3: We will have enough cost data to calculate individual rates**

Leave Days

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- **The Department will soon be revising the Leave Day rule (OAC 5123:2-7-08) to remove the County JFS from the prior approval process**
 - Requests for prior approval of leave days once the original 30 are exhausted will come to DODD
- **Goals:**
 - More consistency in the process
 - More reliable data
- **Estimated effective date of 7/1/16, but more details to come**

Revalidation of Medicaid Provider Agreement

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- **Affordable Care Act instituted 5 year provider agreements for all Medicaid providers**
- **The last signed Medicaid provider agreements for most ICFs are from 2012/13**
- **What does this mean for ICFs now?**
 - ODM is issuing renewal notices to each ICF via letter
 - 120 issued so far, other 300 to be issued by 3/23/16
 - Letter sent to MITS mailing address
 - Along with the provider agreement, letter includes request for disclosure of ownership and/or control interest disclosure
 - Application Fee (currently \$553) will be waived for this initial revalidation
- **Provider agreements will be effective for 5 years from the date of the last signed agreement**
- **Future process will be automated in MITS and will require payment of fee**
- **Failure to complete timely could result in interruption of payment**
- **ODM Contact Information for Revalidation Questions:**
 - Julie Moore at Julie.Moore@Medicaid.ohio.gov
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Resources

- **DODD's website:** Valuable information on everything new related to ICFs
dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/WhereILive/Pages/IntermediateCareFacilities.aspx
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