



ICF Hot Topics Webinar 2/18/16: Questions and Answers

1. **How was the CareStar list developed?** *Answer: The CareStar Options Counseling list is made up of all individuals in ICFs with 9 or more beds who are on the waiver waiting list and not represented by APSI as guardian.*
2. **What if the family/advocates/guardian say no to the individual obtaining a waiver?** *Answer: Family/advocates/guardians play a vital role in the process but the choice is ultimately up to the individual themselves.*
3. **What is the timeline if someone chooses a waiver?** *Answer: Generally 90 days to become enrolled once allocation is granted, but that may be extended should circumstances like finding affordable housing require more time.*
4. **If the individual chooses waiver, how is housing determined and by whom?** *Answer: The individual should work with the county board where they want to live to obtain housing.*
5. **What kind of waiver will they get?** *Answer: Individuals may choose any of our waivers but it is expected that most will choose IO because it is the most comprehensive.*
6. **If someone says no, are they removed from the waiting list?** *Answer: No, not automatically.*
7. **In light of confusion from ODODD regarding the IAF exception reviews, are you still proceeding with the rate changes as a result of the exception review results on July 1, 2016?** *Answer: Yes, exception reviews are done to ensure that IAF scoring is accurate and the system effectively distributes funding based on resource needs.*
8. **When do these Care Star interviews take place for an individual and his guardian living in a large ICF-IID?** *Answer: They are already taking place and will continue over the course of the biennium (ends June 30, 2017).*
9. **I still have some confusion about those in ICFs/IID 8 beds & smaller. If they are on a waiting list, are they eligible for a state funded waiver reduction waiver or do they go on the waiting list for an ICF exit waiver?** *Answer: They are not a priority category for an Exit waiver so if a county has an individual in a small ICF who is ready to move to a waiver, the waiting list reduction waiver would be the best route to choose. The individual may self-identify on the Exit waiver waiting list as well if a waiting list reduction waiver isn't available in the county where they wish to reside.*



10. **What happens if an individual is placed on a waiting list in one county and then moves to an ICF in another county before requesting an Exit waiver? Who will be notified when the waiver is allocated?** *Answer: The individual identifies their desired county of residence in the options counseling process and that county is the county that will be notified when they are allocated an Exit waiver.*
11. **As County Boards are going down the waiting list to offer the waiting list reduction waivers and they come to an individual residing in an ICF that does not have APSI as a guardian, should the County Board be offering a waiting list reduction waiver, if the guardian is interested in a waiver, or should they advise the guardian to contact DODD regarding an exit waiver?** *Answer: Both. Just because someone is on the exit waiver waiting list, does not mean that they will be granted a waiver. If the county board's allocation process for waiting list reduction waivers brings the county to an individual who may or may not get an Exit waiver, they should move forward with that process. They should first confirm that the individual had not already been allocated an exit waiver, but should not bypass someone because they might be eligible for an exit waiver, because it's not guaranteed.*
12. **If a County Board comes to an individual on the waiver waiting list when working with waiting list reduction waiver allocation and the individual resides in an ICF and is unsure if they want a waiver, and therefore should go through options counseling, who is responsible to conduct the counseling? And if after going through counseling they decide they want a waiver should they be referred to DODD for an exit waiver as opposed to the waiting list reduction waiver?** *Answer: If the county is working on waiver waiting list reduction allocations the county should provide the counseling and move forward with their own waiver allocation. The county may check with DODD to see if the individual is on the exit waiver waiting list, and if so, could be given an idea if we they would likely be allocated an Exit waiver and the approximate time frame.*
13. **Is DODD concerned that there could be a conflict of interest by giving APSI the authority to complete options counseling with the ICF individuals they represent as it gives APSI the ability to identify those they represent for exit waivers? Because APSI has been given the authority to conduct options counseling to identify folks for exit waivers, is DODD concerned that this gives APSI an advantage of obtaining exit waivers for those they represent, as opposed to individuals residing in an ICF that don't have APSI as a guardian?** *Answer: APSI individuals should have no benefit over anyone else. An individual is able to self-identify as requesting an exit waiver. APSI is not able to allocate waivers, they are only allowed to identify individuals who would like to be on the exit waiver waiting list. CareStar is conducting similar counseling sessions with individuals in the large facilities and also has materials available and general*

education sessions for individuals who are at small facilities. All ICFs should be conducting annual options counseling for each of their residents.

14. **How many people to date have received pre-admission counseling, and out of that number how many chose community-based services instead of ICF?** *Answer: 66 requests and 7 asked for the HCBS waiver.*

15. **Who will ensure the health and safety of these individuals after the leave the ICF for a waiver?** *Answer: County Boards are responsible for the health and welfare of all individuals on waivers and will assign SSAs to work closely with individuals who leave ICF for waiver services. In addition, beginning March 1, 2016, DODD will provide follow along services via a Community Resource Coordinator which will include face-to-face reviews with the individual within 60, 180, and 365 days or their discharge from the ICF.*

16. **Can we identify the regulatory oversight of the IAF review team members?** *Answer: The Exception Review process is governed by Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5123:2-7-30*