



Department of Developmental Disabilities

John Kasich, Governor
John L. Martin, Director

Dear ICF-IID Provider:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Department's White Paper entitled "The Future of the ICF-IID Program". The purpose of this cover letter is to provide some context for the White Paper and encourage you to include the Department in your future planning process.

Ohio has a long history of using the ICF-IID program as a significant part of its service delivery model in both the private and public sectors. This history has resulted in Ohio having one of the largest ICF-IID programs in the nation. Like many States, Ohio is trying to reduce its reliance on the ICF-IID program and over the past five years it has decreased by 29% the number of individuals living in the *state operated* ICF's-IID program. As Ohio expands this rebalancing effort to private and county operated ICF's-IID, the white paper was developed to provide direction to providers and boards as they engage in strategic planning and make decisions about capital investments. Although the White Paper reflects feedback from stakeholders, it does not represent stakeholder consensus; it is the Department's vision.

The ICF-IID program will remain a part of the future service delivery system, but over the next ten years through rebalancing efforts, its role will become smaller and more targeted.

Smaller: The program will have fewer beds and the facilities in which the services are provided will be smaller as we move toward systems with more choice and community integration.

More Targeted: The focus will become individuals with complex challenges that benefit from the bundle of services and capitol supports that the ICF-IID program provides.

As outlined in the White Paper, the ICF-IID reimbursement methodology and IAF will be revised to be value driven and to more appropriately direct resources. These revisions will reflect the goals of improving the quality of services, connecting resources to the level of individual need and assuring the long-term financial sustainability of the system.

DODD recognizes from our experience that transition can be a challenge. As such, we stand ready to provide technical assistance and support provider and county board efforts. As a one size fits all approach will not meet the individual needs of all agencies, we encourage you to contact DODD so we can be part of your strategic planning efforts. For simplification purposes, Debbie Jenkins at 614-378-0578 Deborah.Jenkins@dodd.ohio.gov will be the first point of contact with the Department on these issues.

We hope you find the White Paper helpful in understanding how DODD plans to provide leadership and of our vision of the ICF-IID program moving forward. Thank you for your on-going commitment to provide services and supports for Ohio's citizens with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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