

State-funded Behavior Add-On

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the Behavior-Add On rate apply to Adult Family Living or Adult Foster Care?

No. The behavior add-on applies only to Homemaker Personal Care (HPC) (including DRA) and Community Respite for individuals enrolled in Individual Options, SELF and Level One waivers.
2. Whose decision is it to submit this form? May a provider request the form to be considered?

The team should determine if an individual meets the criteria for the behavior add-on based on requirements set forth in OAC 5123:2-9-30. DODD will review forms submitted by individuals or boards. The county board cannot decline to submit a referral on the individual's behalf.
3. We have an individual that now has a lot of medical issues that staff provides services for. Why isn't there a medical add-on for that?

There is a medical add-on based on requirements set forth in OAC 5123:2-9-30, however it is county board funded.
4. Why can't DODD assign one reviewer to approve the behavior add on and the Prior Authorization both if needed at the same time?

It is two separate processes that must occur sequentially. Contact Jeanne Gregory-Kaepfner in these situations to help expedite the process.
5. Would county boards apply for the state-funded behavior add-on for individuals who currently have a behavior add-on? Or would county boards continue to fund those?

State-funded behavior add-ons do not apply for individuals who currently have an add-on in place. County boards will continue to fund behavior add-ons currently in place. The state-funded behavior add-on applies only to individuals who do not have a behavior add-on in place prior to January 1, 2016.
6. Does "newly eligible" then mean an individual who does not have the behavior add-on?

Yes. State-funded behavior add-on will apply to those who never had a behavior add-on in place or for those who may have had a behavior add-on in the past but was discontinued and now requires the add-on after January 1st and/or forward.

Example One: Sara is enrolled in the IO waiver. She met criteria for a behavior add-on for HPC from 6/1/14 – 5/30/15. The team agreed that she no longer met criterion for behavior add-on and the add-on was discontinued. However, in February 2016 she began engaging in behaviors again that were destructive to herself. This process would apply and the county board can submit the form for the state-funded behavior add-on.

Example Two: Sue is enrolled in the SELF waiver. She met criteria for a behavior add-on for Community Inclusion from 6/1/14 – 5/30/15. At “redetermination”, she continued to meet the criteria for a behavior add-on. This will remain county board funded.

7. Is this the plan for the medical add-on also eventually?
Currently, there are no plans for a state funded medical add-on.
8. Is it still correct to use the behavior rate add-on assessment found on the DODD website to determine eligibility for the add-on and will DODD modify the assessment to match HPC rule that is being proposed?
Yes, DODD’s website will be updated with a revised form to meet the behavior rate add-on and HPC rule requirements.
9. Who can complete this form? County Board or Provider or either?
The behavior rate add-on form should be completed by the team and submitted by the county board.
10. If the client has an add-on but mid-span they are no longer eligible, would the form be submitted to note the add-on should be ended?
Yes.
11. For behavior add-ons that are currently in place and county boards are and will continue to pay what is the form that will need to be completed?
If a county board approves and continues to pay for a behavior rate add-on it is not necessary to complete and submit forms to DODD.
12. I understand submitting the request when an individual or guardian requests the add-on even if the board may not agree. But the board should not submit it if the provider is the only one insisting on the add-on and the individual does not meet the criteria (i.e. no strategies that we have written into ISP and approved)?
Members of the team should be involved in the decision about whether or not the criteria for a behavior rate add-on has been met.

If the board does not agree with the behavior rate add-on, but it is requested by a member of the team, the form should still be submitted and with an indication that the board is not in agreement.

13. Do we submit this form for all new waivers, regardless if they are state-funded waivers or regular local funded waivers?

Yes. This form should be submitted for Level One, IO and SELF waivers if state-funding is requested for behavior rate add-on for HPC and/or Community Respite services regardless if the waivers are locally matched.

14. Why do we have to give the units from MSS, they are already in there. DODD staff should look these up, we should not have to repeat these. This will take hours to complete and it crosses multiple areas (SSA, Behavior Support and Funding). This process is far too complicated.

There are often multiple cost projection tool versions. It is the county board's responsibility to assure the correct amount of units are being requested. State funding is an option not a mandate.

15. If we are in agreement with the behavior add-on and are willing to continue to pay for it, do we have to go through this process and form?

If a board is paying for a behavior rate add-on today, the county board will continue funding the behavior rate add-on. This process does not apply to those individuals. This process and form apply only to those who never had a behavior rate add-on in place or for those who may have had a behavior rate add-on in the past but was discontinued and requires the add-on after January 1st and/or forward.

16. Is there going to be an updated form available for behavior rate add-ons that county boards will continue to pay after 1/1/16?

Yes, the DODD website will be updated with a revised behavior rate add-on assessment.

17. Do you have to put an end date for the add-on on the fillable form if you believe it will be an on-going need? Or is it just best practice to go ahead and put the waiver span end date in there?

Yes, an end date must be included on the fillable form. The duration of approval for behavioral support modifications shall be limited to the individuals waiver eligibility span, may be determined needed or no longer needed within that waiver span, and must be renewed annually.

18. The presentation indicates that the County Board may not deny the application of the behavior add-on for individuals who are newly eligible. However, this was followed up with language about a review by DODD if the County Board denies, can you clarify?

A county board may not agree with the need for a behavior add-on however, they must still submit the behavior add-on form indicating the reason for the request and why they do not agree with the add-on.

19. Will we need to complete a new Behavior add-on form for people already with the add-on applied?

No. County boards will continue to fund the behavior add-on for people who currently receive this add-on and county boards will continue to do so upon their annual redetermination if the individual continues to meet criterion based on requirements set forth in OAC 5123:2-9-30.

20. Do we have to re-authorize annually?

Yes. The duration of approval for behavior support rate modifications shall be limited to the individual's waiver eligibility span, may be determined needed or no longer needed within that waiver eligibility span, and may be renewed annually.

21. Can you give an example of a situation in which the county board would not support the behavior add-on request? Is this specifically when the county board is seeking outside funding from DODD versus them not agreeing with the need for an individual to receive the behavior add-on?

Example: Everyone on the team except for the guardian believe the individual does not need a structured environment. The guardian wants the behavior rate add-on form sent to DODD. The board must comply.

22. Will the state pick up the funding at redetermination?

No. If a county board is currently providing the behavior rate add-on, the county board will continue to fund the behavior rate add on for anyone that has the add-on today and will continue to do so upon redetermination.

23. What if we have not agreed with the county board's decision regarding behavior rate add-on for individuals that are currently receiving services.

For people who do not currently have a behavior add-on in place, a referral may be submitted to DODD for consideration.

24. Are you looking at assessments completed by an LISW?

There is no proscribed assessment, it can be formal or informal. It can be completed by a licensed/certified professional and/or be a Team Review.

25. This used to be an addition to a daily rate. How does it work with units?

Expand the cost projection tool to identify the units. There may be some addition required.

26. Are you considering a training for medical add-ons?

DODD will note your request for future trainings.