

**Waiver Waiting List  
MCBDD Provider Network  
Meeting  
9/12/2018**

What you want to know and more

# Background: The Problem

The Old List:

Confusing to those on the list, misleading

Complex, and difficult to administer

Not consistently implemented across the state

# Background: The Problem

Didn't work; people did not advance on list as expected

County Boards weren't aware of the needs of those waiting and many waiting did not have needs

# Background: The Solution

The new list allows CBs to:

## **Focus on need**

Number of people on the list will reflect those with current, unmet needs

## **Allocate resources and support to those with a current need**

Boards will decide how to best address the needs  
More timely access to services

# Background: The Solution

Uniformity Across the counties with:

1. State-wide Needs Assessment
2. Only on waiting list in county of residence
3. Only on waiting list if current unmet need

# Wait, what – I can only be on the waiting list for the county I live in?

Correct, people may only be on the waiting list in their county of residence. For adults, this is the county where you live, for children, it is the county in which the custodial entity or parent is in

The county board where you live will complete the waiting list assessment with you

If you move, the new county will review your assessment with you to see if anything has changed

# The New Waiting List Rule

## Rule 5123-9-04 Home and community-based services waivers – waiting list

Adopted with a September 1, 2018 Effective Date

Copy can be found on DODD website posted on the *Rules Under Development* webpage:

<http://dodd.ohio.gov/RulesLaws/Pages/Rules-Under-Development.aspx>

# Facts and Focus of the New Waiting List Rule

The overall goal should not be to get on the waiting list, it should be to have the person's needs met

# Facts and Focus of the New Waiting List Rule

**Emphasis is on the supports a person needs, not a particular payment source**

**Identify those with a need through a formal assessment**

- **Thoughtful planning– Boards will now know who is on the list and what is needed to assist with future planning**

# Facts and Focus of the New Waiting List Rule

Meet the needs of those with an identified need in a more timely manner

This **may** or **may not** be through waiver funding

There are several ways to meet the need(s):

1. Local Dollars;
2. Community Based Alternative Services;
3. Waiver – however, it will be the waiver that meets the needs and is the most appropriate waiver, not always IO

# Facts and Focus of the New Waiting List Rule

The objective state wide needs assessment tool will determine one of the following:

- ▶ **Immediate need;**
- ▶ **Current need; or**
- ▶ **No assessed needs or assessed needs can be met through other available resources**

# Immediate Need – What does it mean?

If there is an immediate need, it means there is a risk of substantial harm if action is not taken within thirty (30) calendar days

# Immediate Need – What does it mean?

An individual with an immediate need will not be placed on the waiver waiting list

Again, a person with an immediate need should not be waiting for that need to be met

# Immediate Need – What does it mean?

An immediate need may be met through a waiver or through other available resources

# Current Need – What does it mean?

A current need means there is an unmet need for services as determined by the county board within 12 months

This includes a risk of substantial harm if action is not taken within 12 months.

# Current Need – What does it mean?

Individuals with a current unmet need will be placed (or remain) on the waiver waiting list until the need is met

# Current Need – What does it mean?

A need may be met through a waiver or through other resources

Once the need is met, the individual's name will be removed from the list

# Remember...

A waiver is just one source from many options that may be used to fund services; there are other possible resources available

If it is determined that the individual should be enrolled on a waiver, it will be the waiver that best meets the assessed need

# Wait what? Only one list...

## Will there still be multiple waiting lists?

No. If someone meets the criteria for Current Need and is placed on the waiting list, either alternative services or a HCBS waiver will be offered at the time it is needed

# Already on the Waitlist, Do I Stay on the List?

Maybe, but it will depend on the results of the statewide assessment tool. However, everyone on the current waiver waiting list as of August 31, 2018, will be placed on the Transitional List until the waiver waitlist assessment is completed

# How soon will I have my assessment?

County boards will start using the new waiting list assessment as part of the annual ISP process after 9/1/18

Usually, planning for annual ISPs starts 2 – 3 months early. If you are on the current list and your ISP is in September, your first assessment will probably occur in 2019

Everyone on the transitional list will be assessed between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020

# Already on the Waitlist – Next Steps

There is a **Waiting List Assessment Tool** that will be used as the statewide assessment to determine an individual's current or immediate need

The assessment determines if the person will be added to the Waiting List from the Transitional List; if so, the original date of request will be used

The assessment indicates if the person either has a current need or no longer has a current need and will be removed from the waiting list

# When can I request a new assessment?

You may request a new assessment any time your needs change

If you were recently assessed, your county board may review your current assessment with you to see if any of the answers have changed

# How often will my assessment be reviewed?

The county board will review your previous assessment with you at least once a year, to see if anything has changed

# What if I Already Have a Waiver, Will it be Affected?

No. If you already have an IO Waiver, you will not be assessed as your needs are met via the ISP process. If you are currently enrolled in a Level One or SELF Waiver, the county board will complete the assessment with you to see if you have any unmet needs. However, you are at no risk of losing your current waiver by completing this assessment.

# What if I do not agree, what can I do?

Individuals/guardians may still request state hearings to appeal decisions related to the waiting list and/or waiver enrollment, including, but not limited to:

1. Placement on the waiting list instead of enrollment in a waiver:
2. Denial of placement on the waiting list
3. Removal from the waiting list

# Providers – What's their role?

As always, working together with a provider, in the best interest of the individuals in need of and/or receiving services, is the goal for any SSA.

It is extremely important, that should a family approach a provider (HPC, doctor, nurse, school, counselor, hospital, etc.) regarding questions about a waiver, the provider refer the family/guardian/person to the county board.

# Why would we direct a person to the county board?

The process for how or when a person receives services/waiver/or wait list placement is solely decided by a statewide assessment, that only the CB's can administer.

Needs can be met with the services and/or funding sources that best meets the needs for the person at the time. It isn't necessarily a waiver that will meet the need. The need can be met in various ways – a one-time home modification, local dollars, local resources, etc.

What other  
questions may  
we answer for  
you?

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