

# Ohio's CMS (HCFA) Review – It's about positive outcomes in the lives of people with disabilities – *Are you ready?*

- ◆ How did Ohio use a person-centered approach and the principles of Medicaid intertwined with those of self-determination.
- ◆ Ohio's strategy targeted both the system level and the person level issues – how persons with disabilities are being supported by Ohio's infrastructure, to pursue the lives they envision, with health and safety supports in place.
- ◆ How will QA management strategies will continue to support these two important issues.

# Ohio's System

## ◆ State level:

- Single State Medicaid Agency – ODJFS
- Interagency agreement with ODMRDD for administration of Medicaid services targeting persons with DD

## ◆ Local level:

- 88 county boards of MRDD – 60,000 served statewide
- 88 County departments of JFS

## ◆ Provider level:

- Licensed homes - 8600
  - ◆ ICFs/MR - 5600
  - ◆ Residential Facility HCBS Waiver - 3000
- Supported Living
  - ◆ Individual Options HCBS Waiver – 3000
  - ◆ State and local funded – 4000
- Medicaid State Plan

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## ◆ Basis and aims of the strategy:

- Assess the compliance of each county board with the HCBS waiver assurances.
- Provide concentrated TA to each county to remedy areas of concern identified via self-review or ODMRDD review.
- Engage the leadership of each county to work in partnership with all stakeholders to prepare for the review.
- Communicate a clear message about the priority being positive outcomes in lives of people with disabilities with all stakeholders.

# Ohio's System Guiding Principles

## *Medicaid:*

- ◆ Statewideness
- ◆ Freedom of Choice of Provider
- ◆ Comparability of Services
- ◆ Reasonable Access

## *Self-*

## *determination:*

- ◆ Freedom
- ◆ Authority
- ◆ Support
- ◆ Responsibility

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- ◆ How the strategy “works on the ground”:
  - Priority focus
  - Leadership development at state and local levels.
  - TA with local teams and administrators.

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- ◆ Stakeholder involvement in  
the development &  
implementation of the  
strategy:

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- ◆ How the strategy enables people with DD to pursue the lives they envision with supports for health & safety in place:

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- ◆ Use of the strategy 6 months prior to the CMS review of Ohio's Individual Options HCBS Waiver:



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- ◆ Use of the strategy 2 weeks prior to the CMS review of Ohio's Individual Options HCBS Waiver:

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◆ Changes in Ohio's state level  
infrastructure:

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- ◆ Changes in Ohio's local level infrastructure:

# *Medicaid & Self-Determination*

## **Freedom of Choice of Provider**

Any individual eligible for Medicaid may obtain Medicaid services from any provider who is qualified to furnish the services and willing to furnish them.

### **Freedom:**

Individuals' ability to choose any qualified provider who can assist.

### **Support:**

There are sufficient providers for needed supports for a place to live, connecting to the community and facilitating relationships, producing income and one-time investments.

### **Authority:**

Individuals are empowered to choose providers within the funding limits of the services and supports. Individuals have the ability to readily adjust an allocation of funds as their situations, ambitions and personal capacities change.

### **Responsibility:**

Individuals treat providers as they would want to be treated if they were doing the provider's job. Individuals will speak up about the hiring, evaluating and firing of their providers.

# *Medicaid & Self-Determination*

## **Reasonable Promptness**

Needed services are provided within a reasonable period of time (45 to 90 days).

### **Freedom:**

Individuals have the right to expect that needed services and supports will be received within a reasonable time.

### **Support:**

Individuals receive supports/services when they need them and are not placed on waiting lists. The amount of supports/services changes when needs change.

### **Authority:**

The ability to control a targeted amount of funds to get what you need, when you need it.

### **Responsibility:**

Individuals only ask for what they need, when they need it.

# *Medicaid & Self-Determination*

## **Service Comparability**

The state plan must specify the amount, duration and scope of each service that it provides for the categorically needy and each covered group of medically needy. Each service must be sufficient in amount duration and scope to reasonably achieve its purpose. The Medicaid agency may not arbitrarily deny or reduce the amount, duration or scope of a required service to an otherwise eligible recipient solely because of the diagnosis, type of illness or condition. The agency may place appropriate limits on a service based on such criteria as medical necessity or on utilization control procedures.

## **Freedom:**

Individuals and their closest allies, not experts or professionals, decide how to use the funds available for their supports within agreed upon limits.

# *Medicaid & Self-Determination*

## **Support:**

Within funding limits, individuals get the services/supports they need (amount, scope, duration, access) to reach the outcomes in their plans no matter where they live in the state.

## **Authority:**

Within funding limits, individuals are empowered to make decisions about services/supports needed, how much, how long and when. The individual has the ability to control a targeted amount of funds (direct the use of) in purchasing the services/supports needed.

## **Responsibility:**

Ask only for what you need. Pay only for what you get. Accept a contributing role in your community.

# *Medicaid & Self-Determination*

## **Statewideness**

The state plan shall be in effect in all subdivisions of the state, and if administered by [political subdivisions], be mandatory upon them.

### **Freedom:**

Individuals can choose to move/live anywhere in the state and plan a life with supports rather than only purchase a program and receive such needed service/supports.

### **Support:**

Needed service/supports are available anywhere in the state.

### **Authority:**

Statewide, each individual has the ability to direct the use of a targeted amount of funds to obtain needed services/supports.

### **Responsibility:**

To talk to professionals, concerning your intent/plan, your needs/wants so you can be linked with the right people and resources where you want to live.