

The New Waiting List

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The Waiting List Rule

- Explains how people can get on the waiting list for home and community based services (HCBS) waivers
 - Level One
 - Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF)
 - Individual Options (IO)
- Explains which people on the waiting list get a waiver first

The Waiting List Rule

- How do people get on the waiting list today?
 - Ask to be put on the waiting list; or
 - Agree to be put on the waiting list if you ask for a waiver and the county board cannot enroll you right now.

The Waiting List Rule

- Do we know what people on the waiting list today need?
 - No
- Do we know when people on the waiting list today will need waiver funding?
 - No

The Waiting List Rule

- We heard from stakeholders that the rule needed to be changed
 - The Arc of Ohio survey
 - The Coalition
 - Meeting since October 2016
 - Goals
 - Make the waiting list easier to understand
 - Help meet needs in a more timely manner



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The Waiting List Rule

- What did people tell us should be changed?
 - We should know what people need.
 - We should help meet those needs, even if it is not through waiver funding.
 - Placement on the waiting list should be based on need.

The Waiting List Rule

- A draft rule was written, based on this input.
- The goal is to have the new rule be effective July 1, 2018.

The Waiting List Rule

- What will be different?
 - People will only be on the waiting list in the county of residence.
 - There will only be one waiting list for home and community-based services (HCBS)
 - No separate lists for Level One, SELF, and Individual Options
 - The type of waiver in which a person is enrolled will be based on which waiver can address current needs in the most cost-effective manner

The Waiting List Rule

- What will be different?
 - A new, statewide assessment will be used by every county board.
 - Everyone on the waiting list today will have an assessment by December 31, 2020.
 - Any time a person's needs change, a new assessment may be requested.

The Waiting List Rule

- What will be different?
 - Based on the results of the assessment, a person may or may not be placed on the waiting list
 - A person is not placed on the waiting list if s/he:
 - Is assessed to have immediate needs;
 - Has no qualifying condition, as defined in rule; or
 - Is assessed to have no current need, as defined in rule.
 - A person is placed on the waiting list only if:
 - Has a qualifying condition, as identified in rule; AND
 - Is assessed to have unmet needs for home and community-based services within the next 12 months

The Waiting List Rule

- What will be different?
 - Boards will take action within 30 days to meet “immediate” needs.
 - Substantial risk of harm to self/others
 - “Action” may include
 - Linking people with alternative services
 - Providing local funds
 - Enrolling in a waiver

The Waiting List Rule

- What will be different?
 - “Immediate needs” include:
 - A resident of an ICF receiving notice of termination;
 - A resident of a nursing facility receiving a 30-day notice of intent to discharge or an adverse PAS/RR determination;
 - An adult losing the primary caregiver;
 - A person at substantial risk of harm due to behavioral, physical care, and/or medical needs; and
 - An adult subjected to abuse, neglect, or exploitation who requires additional supports to reduce risk of harm.

The Waiting List Rule

- What will be different?
 - “Current needs” include:
 - Decline of primary caregiver that limits ability to care for an individual;
 - Ongoing need for limited/intermittent supports to sustain existing caregivers and maintain current living arrangement;
 - Ongoing need for continuous supports to address significant behavioral, medical, and/or physical care needs;
 - Emancipation from children’s services and has needs that cannot be addressed through community-based alternatives;
 - Requiring adult day and/or employment supports that are not otherwise available.

The Waiting List Rule

- What will be different?
 - People will be selected for enrollment in the following order:
 - Individuals with immediate needs who require waivers;
 - Individuals who have met multiple criteria for 12 or more months;
 - Individuals who have met multiple criteria for less than 12 months;
 - Individuals who meet a single criteria
 - When two or more individuals meet the same criteria listed above, order of enrollment is determined by date of request or earliest status date.

The Waiting List Rule

- What will be different?
 - Removal from the waiting list shall occur when a person:
 - No longer has a qualifying condition;
 - No longer has a current need;
 - Requests removal;
 - Is enrolled in a waiver that meets needs;
 - Declines enrollment in a waiver or community-based alternatives that are sufficient to meet the needs;
 - Fails to respond to at least two attempts to contact, one of which must be certified mail;
 - Does not meet level of care;
 - Is no longer a resident of Ohio;
 - Dies

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the new waiting list rule make more waivers available?

- No. The new rule does not increase funding for county boards or DODD to provide additional waivers. Since resources are limited, the new rule helps boards identify what people need and when they may need it in order to link them with appropriate services.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will this rule effect my current waiver enrollment?

- No. 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

If I am on the waiting list now, will I lose my date?

- No. People who are moved to the new waiting list after being assessed will keep their initial date of request from the old waiting list.

Frequently Asked Questions

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 7/1/18.
- Usually, planning for annual ISPs starts 2 – 3 months early. If your ISP is in July or August, your first assessment will probably occur in 2019.

Frequently Asked Questions

When I can 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

How often will my assessment be reviewed?

- The county board will review your assessment with you at least once a year to see if anything has changed.
- You will be able to get a copy of your assessment from DODD's online system or from your county board.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I be on the waiting list in more than one county?

- No. People may only be on the waiting list in the county of residence. For adults, this is the county where you live.
- 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.

Questions?