

## Individual Options Waiver Amendment Posted for Public Comment

The amendment reflects the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities' (DODD's) replacement of adult family living and adult foster care with a single shared living service. Ohio believes that a single shared living service recognizes that unrelated and related caregivers deliver equally excellent quality care to individuals who receive support through waiver services and is most efficient, cost effective, and reflective of Ohio's residents' attitude towards shared living arrangements.

In addition, this amendment includes changes to keep the amendment current with ongoing and completed initiatives. Modifications include the removal of reported progress on the Transitions DD transfer plan, which ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017, the addition of updated statute references regarding the waiver waiting list and increased reserve waiver capacity, and updates to Attachment A and B to reflect the current public comment period.

### Changes to the Individual Options waiver amendment

Below is a summary of the key changes to the waiver. A link to the full waiver amendment is included below the summary. If you'd like a paper copy of the amendment, please call (614) 728-1033.

- Appendix B-3 Number of Individuals Served: Increase reserve capacity, update statute references.
- Appendix C-3 Participant Services: The addition of the new service: Shared Living. It is Ohio's intent to amend the waiver to end Adult Foster Care, as a service effective 08/31/17. Shared Living services will be available as an alternative to Adult Foster Care beginning 09/01/17. It is Ohio's intent to amend the waiver to end Adult Family Living, as a service effective 08/31/17. Shared Living services will be available as an alternative to Adult Family Living beginning 09/01/17.
- Appendix I-2 Rates, Billing and Claims: A complex care add-on has been added to select services.
- Appendix J-2-d Estimate of Factor D: Ohio is amending Estimate of Factor D waiver tables to include the new Shared Living service effective 9/1/2017 and end-date Adult Foster Care and Adult Family Living effective 08/31/17.

Read the [complete amendment](#) (PDF).

### Public comments welcome

As part of the waiver amendment process, the public can comment on the proposed amendment. The public comment period is April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017- May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Comments must be received by midnight on May 17<sup>th</sup> and can be submitted by:

**E-mail:** [waiverfeedback@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:waiverfeedback@dodd.ohio.gov)

**U.S. mail:** On the envelope, please address the letter to the waiver you're commenting about, i.e., "Transitions DD Waiver amendment," and mail to:

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities  
30 E. Broad Street, 13th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

**FAX:** 614-466-6945 – please include which waiver you're commenting about in the subject line, i.e., " Attn: Bureau of Long Term Services and Support, Transitions DD Waiver Amendment"

**Phone:** Call toll-free to leave a voicemail message at (800) 364-3153 or (614) 728-1033

**Courier or in-person submission:**

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