



# **Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

# Welcome



Provider Meeting  
February 9, 2023



# WELCOME to OUR TEAM

 Ashtabula County Board  
of Developmental Disabilities  
WELCOME!



*Kathleen Gates*  
Service & Support Administrator

 Ashtabula County Board  
of Developmental Disabilities  
WELCOME!



*Wendy Krzys*  
Service & Support Administrator

 Ashtabula County Board  
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*Kelly Johnson*  
Community Outreach Specialist

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Community Outreach Specialist



# CONGRATULATIONS!



**Community Outreach Specialist**



# February's DSP's Of the Month

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- Lisa Utter- Viaquest- Nominated by Emilie Hadley and Megan Biedrycki
- Shauna Grav- Diamondstar- Nominated by Kavla Workman

**Congratulations!**



# County Board & State Updates



- 6.5% Retention OPT in
- Public Health Emergency Ending
- MUI Annual Review Extensions
- OPRA
- Govenor DeWine Budget Proposal
- Blue Print Updates
- DODD Independent Providers and SSA's only page.

# 6.5% DSP Retention Program

***The retention payment incentive is funded through local funds, provided by county boards of developmental disabilities, and federal Medicaid match, with the purpose of incentivizing continued service to those working with people with developmental disabilities receiving home and community based waiver services.***

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/providers/RetentionPayment>



# Agency Distribution

## Quarterly Payments

Calculated as 6.5% of total claims for eligible services PAID in a quarter

Eligible services include:

- » Transportation(HPC and ParticipantDirected)
- » Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC)
- » HPC Daily Billing Unit » HPC Participant-Directed
- » On-Site/On-Call » Participant Directed On-Site/On-Call
- » Shared Living
- » Adult Day Support
- » Career Planning
- » Group Employment Support
- » Vocational Habilitation
- » Individual Employment Support
- » Non-Medical Transportation

**Agencies MUST continue to opt into this program**





# Agency Provider Payment Schedule

<b>Service Provision</b>	<b>Provider Opt-In Start</b>	<b>Provider Opt-In End</b>	<b>Retention Payment to Provider and IPs</b>	<b>Retention Payment to Agency DSP</b>	<b>Data Collection From Provider</b>
April-June 2022	1/3/23	1/16/23	1/18/23	3/15/23	4/15/23
July-September 2022	1/3/23	1/16/23	1/25/23	3/15/23	4/15/23
October-December 2022	1/3/23	1/16/23	2/1/23	3/15/23	4/15/23
January-March 2023	4/3/23	4/18/23	5/3/23	6/15/23	7/15/23
April-June 2023	7/3/23	7/16/23	8/2/23	9/15/23	10/15/23

\*All dates are estimated as of the time of this writing

\*Payment dates (provider and DSP) are not the exact date payments will be processed

\*Retention payments to the DSP must be issued by date listed



*No Action needs to be taken by Independent providers to OPT into this program. As long as you were Billing for services listed below you will automatically receive payment via Direct Deposit.*

**Calculated as 6.5% of total claims for eligible services PAID in a quarter**

- Eligible services include:
  - » HPC services (includes participant directed HPC)
  - » On-Site/On-Call (includes participant directed On Site/On Call)
    - » Shared Living Payment Distribution
  - » HPC Transportation
  - » Self-Directed Transportation
  - » Career Planning
    - » Individual Employment Support
  - » Non-Medical Transportation

**Independent Provider Distribution**

Retention Payment issued to Independent Providers

- April- June 2022- 1/18/2023
- July-September 2022- 1/25/2023
- October-December 2022- 2/1/2023
- January-March 2023- 5/3/2023
- April-June 2023- 8/2/2023



# Public Health Emergency (PHE) Declared to end on May 11, 2023

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/hcbs/training/index.html>



# MUI Annual Review Extensions

**WHY?** In August 2022 the system was updated to OITMS, reports will be available directly in through the OITMS. At this time the reports are not accessible to providers and County Boards. This extension was granted to allow more to gather information. Data warehouse is still available for use, but MUI history will not extend past August 31, 2022 in the Data warehouse.

**WHEN?** Independent and Agency providers are required to complete their annual review by April 1, 2023 and send to their county board by April 28, 2023.

County Boards will hold their committee reviews of trends and patterns of MUI's no later than May 2023.

**Please send all Annual MUI reviews into Lesley Michelson**  
[Lesley.Michelson@ashtabuladd.org](mailto:Lesley.Michelson@ashtabuladd.org)



# OPRA Membership

## Ohio Provider Resource Association

- Resources
- Training Opportunities
- Networking
- Virtual Meetings
- Committee Opportunities
- Advocacy Opportunities
- Legislature Information



# Governor DeWine Budget Proposal

- Actual Increases intended to reach \$16/hr start wage
- Does not include County Board funding/retention payments
- ICF formula would run at 6% increase each year plus 6.5% direct service add-on

## ICF

- Assumed growth of 6% each year
- 6.5% add on to direct care rate component
- New ICF peer group for kids with complex needs
- Add on increase from \$300 to \$900

## HCBS services increasing by 16.5%

- Homemaker personal care (HPC)
- HPC- Daily Billing unit
- HPC- Participant directed
- ON-site/on-call
- Shared living
- Remote Support
- Respite
- Behavioral, Medical Complex Care & Competency Add-on

# Governor DeWine Budget Proposal

Summary of Executive Budget Rate Enhancements

HCBS-Waiver	FY24						FY25					
	GRF (653407)	HCBS (653698)	Local (653624)*	Federal (653654)	Federal (653699)	Total	GRF (653407)	HCBS (653698)	Local (653624)*	Federal (653654)	Federal (653699)	Total
Baseline expenditure growth (state-funded waivers, add-ons, etc.)	\$1,479,208	\$0	\$0	\$2,761,641	\$0	\$4,240,849	\$7,481,208	\$0	\$0	\$13,474,557	\$0	\$20,955,765
16.5% rate increase for HPC, Shared Living, Respite, & Remote Support	\$1,933,400	\$53,011,600	\$0	\$3,609,605	\$98,971,198	\$157,525,803	\$62,662,875	\$47,227,125	\$0	\$112,863,386	\$85,061,741	\$307,815,126
10% rate increase for all Adult Day Services & Transportation	\$0	\$7,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,442,202	\$20,642,202	\$0	\$14,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,936,134	\$40,336,134
Adult Day Services Blueprint funding enhancements	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total HCBS-Waiver</b>	<b>\$3,412,608</b>	<b>\$90,211,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,371,245</b>	<b>\$112,413,400</b>	<b>\$212,408,853</b>	<b>\$70,144,083</b>	<b>\$61,627,125</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$126,337,942</b>	<b>\$110,997,875</b>	<b>\$369,107,025</b>
<b>ICF</b>												
Baseline expenditure growth (statutory formula)	\$11,229,424	\$0	\$0	\$20,965,026	\$0	\$32,194,450	\$24,126,683	\$0	\$0	\$43,455,063	\$0	\$67,581,746
6.5% add-on to direct care rate component (after statutory formula growth)	\$8,996,411	\$0	\$0	\$16,796,051	\$0	\$25,792,462	\$9,536,195	\$0	\$0	\$17,175,836	\$0	\$26,712,031
Increase add-on for vent dependent individuals (from \$300 to \$900)	\$7,884,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,719,211	\$0	\$22,603,211	\$7,884,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,200,034	\$0	\$22,084,034
<b>Total-ICF</b>	<b>\$28,109,835</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$52,480,288</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$80,590,123</b>	<b>\$41,546,878</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$74,830,932</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$116,377,811</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$31,522,443</b>	<b>\$90,211,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$58,851,533</b>	<b>\$112,413,400</b>	<b>\$292,998,976</b>	<b>\$111,690,961</b>	<b>\$61,627,125</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$201,168,874</b>	<b>\$110,997,875</b>	<b>\$485,484,836</b>

\*Locally-funded retention payments are part of the baseline budget and not reflected above. Without additional action, these payments would stop six months after the end of the public health emergency. No local dollars are assumed in the above HCBS-waiver rate increases.

**Waiver services included in the 16.5% increase (January 1st, 2024)**

- Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC)
- HPC - Daily Billing Unit
- HPC - Participant-Directed
- On-Site/On-Call
- Shared Living
- Respite
- Behavior, Medical, Complex Care, & Competency-Based Add-Ons

**Waiver services included in the 10% increase (January 1st, 2024)**

- Adult Day Support
- Vocational Habilitation
- Group Employment Support
- Individual Employment Support
- Career Planning
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Transportation
- Self-Directed Transportation

**Other waiver service increases (January 1st, 2024)**

- Money Management (+44% to get back in sync with HPC rate model)
- Home Delivered Meals (+22.2% to stay in synch with sister agencies)



It is so important that all providers are represented in these decisions of our potential future budget.



Get involved, Speak to your local leaders and participate in events like Advocacy Day.



Your voices need to be heard.





# Upcoming Provider Training

- ❖ Initial Medication Administration Category 1- March 27 & 28 , 2023
- ❖ CPR/First Aid Blended Learning – April 3, 2023
- ❖ Initial Provider Training- March 7, 2023
- ❖ Annual Provider Training-
- ❖ Initial Medication Certification Category 2 & 3 - February 20, 2023
- ❖ Renewal Medication Certification Category 1, 2 & 3 –February 21, 2023

*All classes listed above are open for registration on the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities website under the Provider support tab.*

<https://www.ashtabuladd.org/>





**Staci Long- SSA Director**





*Questions are the path to learning*

# Open MIC



# Thank You!



Next Provider Meeting

March 9, 2023

DD Awareness Month

1:00PM



**Provider Meeting  
February 9, 2023  
1:00PM-3:00PM  
AGENDA**

**A. Announcements and Welcome to our NEW Staff**



- SSA- Wendy Krzys
- SSA- Kathleen Gates
- Kelly Johnson- Community Outreach Specialist
- Congratulations to Angela Thomas for accepting her new position as Community Outreach Specialist.



**B. DSP of the Month Nomination**

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**C. County Board Updates**

- a. **6.5% Retention Program- Agency providers must OPT into this program Don't forget to continue to Opt into this program. I have included the charts that were distributed at the last provider meeting for providers reference.**
- b. **1/30/2023, the Biden Administration declared their intention to end the Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023. This aligns with the 60-day wind down period that the administration has promised. The administration has stated that they are actively reviewing the flexibilities allowed under the PHE to determine which flexibilities, if any, can be extended. We will continue to monitor this and update information as it becomes available. There was a webinar scheduled for 2/8/2023, there**

were so many in attendance that they had exceeded their capacity. DLTS plans to post the full webinar and handouts on the page in the link below. At this time the page has not been updated. Once they do so I will make you all aware of this.

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/hcbs/training/index.html>

- c. MUI Annual Review Extensions- Reminders - Data Warehouse is still available for use but will not hold data past August 31, 2022. Providers should have their annual reports complete by April 1 and send to their County Board by April 28. The County Board will hold their annual MUI Committee meeting in May of 2023
- d.
- e. OPRA Membership- Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) memberships are a great resource for providers in our area. They hold weekly virtual meetings that include important updates on training, legislature, and advocacy opportunities. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns regarding becoming an OPRA member.
- f. Governor Dewine Budget Proposal- The budget addresses the most pressing issue in our DD system: wages for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs). Ohio's DD system has struggled to recruit, retain, and invest in this essential workforce. To meet this need, this budget invests an historic \$579 million into provider rates for the primary purpose of increasing direct care wages to stabilize the workforce.

Read more-<https://dodd.ohio.gov/communication/news/SOTS2023>

- g. Blueprint Updates- Reference sheet- [https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/resources/Blueprint\\_Update\\_February\\_2023](https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/resources/Blueprint_Update_February_2023)  
Use the resource above to view this document. Don't forget to advocate for what you need as a provider. Decision are often made that directly affect how you provide services, if there are changes that you do not agree with reach out to DODD and the Milliman group.
- h. Provider Training open classes

**CPR/First Aid Blended Learning – April 3, 2023**

**Initial Provider Training-**

**Initial Medication Certification Category 2 & 3 - February 20, 2023**

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D. OHIO ISP Information- Staci Long Staci did a review of what to expect moving forward with the Ohio ISP and how to access certain areas of the document. If you would like more information on accessing the Ohio Isp or have specific questions regarding the OHIO ISP please do not hesitate to reach out to Andrea Klimko 440983-3897

E. Superintendent Updates

F. Open Mic

**Next Provider meeting March 9, 2023- DD Awareness Month**