

5101:3-32-03 **Eligibility for enrollment for the choices program.**

The following criteria must be met in order for a consumer to be eligible for enrollment:

- (A) The consumer must be age sixty or older at time of enrollment.
- (B) The consumer must have an intermediate or skilled level of care in accordance with rule 5101:3-3-05 or rule 5101:3-3-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) The consumer must meet medicaid financial eligibility as determined by the county department of job and family services (CDJFS) in accordance with Chapters 5101:1-37 and 5101:1-39 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) Prior to enrollment in the choices program the consumer must be a current preadmission screening systems providing options and resources today (PASSPORT) program participant.
- (E) The needed services are not readily available through another source at the level required to allow the individual to live in the community.
- (F) The individual's health related needs can be safely met in a home setting as determined by the passport administrative agency (PAA).
- (G) The individual may not be enrolled in another home and community based medicaid waiver, residential state supplement (RSS), or program of all inclusive care for the elderly (PACE)while enrolled in choices.
- (~~D~~)(H) While receiving choices program services, the consumer must reside in the service area defined in the approved 1915(c) waiver for the choices program. : The consumer shall not reside in any of the following living arrangements while enrolled in the choices program:
 - (1) Adult foster home certified under section 173.36 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) Adult family homes or adult group homes as defined in section 3722.01 of the Revised Code that is licensed as an adult care facility under section 3722.04 of the Revised Code;
 - (3) Residential care facility as defined in section 3721.02 of the Revised ~~code~~ Code;
 - (4) Community alternative home as defined in section 3724.01 of the Revised Code that is licensed under section 3724.03 of the Revised Code;

- (5) Residential facility of the type defined in division (A)(1)(d)(ii) of section 5119.22 of the Revised Code that is licensed by the Ohio department of mental health;
 - (6) An apartment or room that is used to provide community mental health housing services, is certified by the Ohio department of mental health under division (M) of section 5119.61 of the Revised Code, and is approved by a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services in accordance with division (A)(13) of section 340.03 of the Revised Code;
 - (7) Hospital or ~~NF~~ nursing facility (NF) as defined in rule 5101:3-31-02 of the Administrative Code;
 - (8) "Keys amendment facility" as defined in section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act; or
 - (9) Any other facility that is licensed and/or certified by any state or local government.
- ~~(E)~~(I) The consumer or the consumer's authorized representative must be willing and capable of directing provider activities. Capability must be demonstrated through a consumer certification process conducted by the ~~PASSPORT administrative agency~~ (PAA). To obtain certification, the consumer or his or her designee must meet all of the following:
- (1) Attend all required training;
 - (2) Demonstrate all skills necessary to supervise direct service workers, including but not limited to:
 - (a) An understanding of what service activities are covered and the corresponding provider requirements, including criminal records check requirements; and
 - (b) Methods for selecting and dismissing providers; and
 - (c) Methods for entering into written agreements with providers for specific activities and corresponding payment rates; and
 - (d) Methods for training providers to meet the consumer's specific needs; and

- (e) Methods for supervising and monitoring providers' performance of specific activities, including written approval of provider time sheets and billing invoices; and
 - (f) Development of a reliable service delivery back-up plan for situations in which a provider is unable to deliver the agreed-upon service(s); and
 - (g) Methods for lodging complaints, including use of the regional and state long term care ombudsman, and familiarity with the state's Ohio department of aging (ODA) ombudsman long term care complaint line; and
 - (h) Familiarity with state appeal and fair hearing request procedures; and
 - (i) Record keeping and ability to manage service delivery.
- (3) Agree to actively participate with the case manager in the development, monitoring and revision of the service plan.
- (4) Agree to inform the case manager of negotiated rates prior to delivery of choices services. ODA and/or PAA retains the authority to approve negotiated rates.
- (5) The consumer must use a payroll agent under contract with the PAA to process all individual service provider claims.
- ~~(F)~~(J) If, at any time, the individual or consumer fails or ceases to meet any of the eligibility criteria identified in this rule, the individual or consumer shall be denied or disenrolled from choices. In such instances, the individual or consumer shall be notified by the CDJFS and entitled to hearing rights in accordance with rules contained in Chapters 5101:6-1 to 5101:6-9 of the Administrative Code.
- ~~(G)~~(K) The choices program has not reached the center for medicaid and medicare services (CMS) authorized limit of participants for the current year.
- ~~(H)~~(L) The cost of the twelve-month service plan does not exceed the cost cap. The "cost cap" is a dollar amount adjusted for inflation equal to sixty per cent of the total medicaid cost including consumer copayment for nursing facility services for the most recent state fiscal year for which data is available as set forth in ~~in~~ rule 5101:3-31-03 of the Administrative Code.

~~(M)~~ Prior to choices enrollment ~~The the individual's attending physician must verbally~~ approve that the services contained in the individual's the service plan are appropriate to meet the individual's needs. The approval may be given either verbal or written; however if the approval is verbal, written approval of the service plan must be obtained prior to choices enrollment and sign the service plan within thirty days of the enrollment date. If the written approval is not obtained, the individual shall be deemed to have not met the eligibility criteria set forth in this rule and disenrolled in accordance with paragraph (J) of this rule.

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