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**Eligibility for enrollment in the PASSPORT HCBS waiver program.**

- (A) To be eligible for the medicaid-funded component of the pre-admission screening system providing options and resources today (PASSPORT) program, an individual must meet all of the following requirements:
- (1) The individual must have been determined eligible for medicaid in accordance with Chapters 5160:1-1 to 5160:1-6 of the Administrative Code.
  - (2) The cost of waiver services in the person-centered services plan does not exceed the individual cost limit at the time of initial enrollment. The individual cost limit is equal to fourteen thousand and seven hundred dollars per month for waiver services.
    - (a) If ODA's designee determines that the applicant's waiver service needs cannot be met within the individual cost limit, the individual shall not be enrolled.
    - (b) Once enrolled in PASSPORT, additional waiver services may be authorized in excess of the individual cost limit with prior approval from ODA.
    - (c) When additional waiver services that exceed the individual cost limit are not approved, the individual shall be disenrolled from the waiver.
  - (3) The needed services are not readily available through another source at the level required to allow the individual to live in the community.
  - (4) The individual agrees to participate in PASSPORT and while enrolled in PASSPORT, shall not be simultaneously enrolled in the state-funded component of the PASSPORT program, the state-funded component of the assisted living program, another medicaid home and community-based program, the residential state supplement (RSS) program, or the program of all inclusive care for the elderly (PACE).
  - (5) The individual's health related needs can be safely met in a home and community-based setting as determined by ODA's designee.
  - (6) The individual will participate in the development of a person-centered services plan in accordance with the process and requirements set forth in rule 5160-44-02 of the Administrative Code.
  - (7) The individual must require the provision of at least one waiver service on a monthly basis as documented in the individual's approved person-centered services plan.

- (8) The individual's attending physician must approve that the services in the person-centered services plan are appropriate to meet the individual's needs. The physician's approval may be either verbal or written. If the approval is verbal, written approval must be obtained within thirty days of the enrollment date. ODA's designee shall be responsible for obtaining the physician's approval.
  - (9) While enrolled in PASSPORT, the individual must reside in a setting that possesses the home and community-based setting characteristics set forth in rule 5160-44-01 of the Administrative Code and not reside in a hospital, nursing facility (NF), intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability (ICF-IID) or another licensed/certified facility, any facility covered by section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382e(e) (July 1, 2018)) residential care facility, adult foster home or another group living arrangement subject to state licensure or certification.
  - (10) The individual is age sixty or older at the time of enrollment.
  - (11) The individual must be determined to meet the criteria for an intermediate or skilled level of care in accordance with rule 5160-3-08 of the Administrative Code and, in the absence of PASSPORT, would require NF services as defined in 42 C.F.R. 440.40 (as in effect on October 1, 2018).
  - (12) PASSPORT has not reached the CMS-authorized limit on the number of individuals who may enroll on the waiver during the current year.
- (B) If, at any time, the individual does not meet any of the eligibility requirements identified in this rule, the individual shall be denied or disenrolled from PASSPORT. In such instances, the individual shall be notified of his or her hearing rights in accordance with division 5101:6 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this rule, during the COVID-19 state of emergency the following apply:
- (1) The requirement in paragraph (B) to disenroll an individual who fails to meet any of the eligibility requirements identified in this rule is suspended.
  - (2) Once enrolled in PASSPORT, an individual will not be disenrolled unless the individual requests disenrollment, moves out of state, transitions between the PASSPORT waiver and the mycare Ohio waiver, or expires.

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