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Helping Ohioans move, expanding choice (HOME choice) program application process, participant eligibility, and enrollment.

(A) This rule describes the application process and the criteria for eligibility and enrollment of an individual into the helping Ohioans move, expanding choice program (hereafter referred to as HOME choice).

(B) The application process for the HOME choice program is completed when an individual submits the ODM 02361, "HOME Choice - Application" (rev. 7/2014) to the Ohio department of medicaid (ODM).

(C) To be eligible for participation in the HOME choice program, an individual must meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Continuously reside in an institutional setting such as a nursing facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF-IID), residential treatment facility and/or hospital, or a combination thereof, for a period of not less than ninety consecutive days. If the hospital is an institution for mental diseases, the individual must be younger than age twenty-one or older than age sixty-five;

(2) Participate in an in-person meeting with a HOME choice pre-transition case manager to complete a HOME choice readiness assessment;

(3) Receive medicaid benefits for inpatient services furnished by the institutional setting prior to discharge;

(4) Have an institutional level of care;

(5) Be determined eligible for Ohio medicaid in accordance with division 5160-1 of the Administrative Code;

(6) Have needs that can be safely met through the HOME choice program, as determined by the Ohio department of medicaid (ODM) or its designee;

(7) Agree to move into a qualified residence upon discharge from the institutional setting; and

(8) Agree to and sign the ODM 02362 "HOME Choice - Informed Consent" (rev. 7/2014).

(D) To be pre-enrolled and to maintain pre-enrollment status in the HOME choice program, the participant must:

(1) Be determined eligible for the HOME choice program in accordance with paragraph (C) of this rule;

- (2) Be in compliance with the ODM 02362; and
- (3) Work with a transition coordinator to develop a comprehensive transition plan based on the participant's needs to facilitate a smooth transition from the institutional setting into a qualified residence. Transition plans include but are not limited to locating suitable housing, benefits coordination, and linking to community resources.
- (E) If an individual fails to meet any of the requirements set forth in paragraph (C) and/or paragraph (D) of this rule, the individual shall be denied pre-enrollment in the HOME choice program.
- (F) Once pre-enrolled in the HOME choice program, if a participant no longer meets all of the requirements set forth in paragraph (C) and/or paragraph (D) of this rule, the participant's pre-enrollment status in the HOME choice program shall be terminated.
- (G) If a participant is denied pre-enrollment in the HOME choice program, or the participant's pre-enrollment status is being terminated, the participant shall be afforded notice and hearing rights in accordance with division 5101:6 of the Administrative Code.
- (H) A participant in pre-enrollment status is considered to be enrolled in the HOME choice program when he or she is discharged from the institutional setting into a qualified residence.
- (I) If, at any time, a participant enrolled in the HOME choice program no longer meets all of the requirements set forth in paragraph (C), or the requirements set forth in the ODM 02362, he or she shall be disenrolled from the HOME choice program.
- (J) If a participant is denied enrollment in the HOME choice program, or is being disenrolled in the HOME choice program, the participant shall be afforded notice and hearing rights in accordance with division 5101:6 of the Administrative Code.

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