

**FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE**  
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID**

Pursuant to 42 CFR 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (department) gives notice of the department's intent to change its methods and standards for Medicaid payment for the Individual Options (IO), Level One (L1) and Self-Empowered Life Funding Waivers (SELF).

In July 2021, the Ohio General Assembly passed the State's biennium budget for State Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. The Department of Developmental Disabilities' (DODD) biennium budget incorporates rate increases for services provided through the IO, L1 and SELF waiver programs. The biennium budget includes a 4% rate increase for residential and non-residential services approved under each of the three DODD home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver programs. Services impacted by the passed biennium budget include the following:

- Adult Day Services;
- Career Planning;
- Community Respite;
- Group Employment Support;
- Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC), including participant-directed HPC and onsite/on-call rates;
- Individual Employment Support;
- Informal Respite (L1 only);
- Non-Medical Transportation;
- Residential Respite;
- Shared Living (IO only);
- Transportation; and
- Vocational Habilitation.

Implementation of this change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates is expected to increase annual aggregate expenditures for the IO, L1, and SELF waivers by approximately \$85,000,000.

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the changes, without charge, at the following locations\*:

- Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215;
- Any county department of job and family services;
- On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us> by searching Ohio Administrative Code rules 5123-9-13, 5123-9-14, 5123:2-9-15, 5123:2-9-16, 5123-9-17, 5123-9-18, 5123-9-21, 5123-9-22, 5123-9-24, 5123-9-30, 5123-9-32, 5123-9-33, 5123-9-34, and 5123-9-39; or
- On the internet at <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/medicaid/about-us/notices/public-notices> and selecting the following public notice titles:
  - Individual Options Waiver Amendment
  - Level 1 Waiver Amendment

- Individual Options Waiver Amendment

Written comments regarding these changes may be sent to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, attention.: **Home and Community Based Policy Team, Bureau of Long-Term Services and Supports** 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414. Comments may also be provided by e-mail at the following address: [HCBSPolicy@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:HCBSPolicy@medicaid.ohio.gov). Comments must be received by **September 30, 2021**.

\*If you would like to review the changes or written comments in person at the department or county, contact the department or county first to schedule an appointment, as office hours may be limited or revised from the usual schedule due to COVID-19.