

Effective January 1, 2024, several changes have been made to DODD waiver services and their associated rates, which will continue to improve Ohio's waiver delivery system. Each of the changes are explained in more details in additional one page resource documents for each of these services.

Changes made to the Shared Living Rule: OAC 5123-9-33

1. Added the allowance of a 15-minute Residential Respite service that can be billed on the same day as the Shared Living provider, allowing the provider to take a break.
2. Allow Shared Living to be delivered to a person in an acute care hospital.
3. Exemptions for those who require significant care.

Changes made to the Residential Respite Rule: OAC 5123-9-34

1. Residential Respite now has two billing rates: a daily billing unit and a 15-minute billing unit for those utilizing Shared Living to allow provider to take a break.
2. Residential Respite can now be provided by Independent Providers.
3. Residential Respite can now be provided in a person's home and the home of an Independent Provider.
4. Service limitations for 15-minute unit rate is no more than 12 hours provided in one day and no more than 208 units (52 hours) per calendar month.

Services during Acute Hospitalizations: OAC 5123-9-30, 5123-9-32, 5123-9-33, 5123-9-02

Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC), Participant-Directed Homemaker/Personal Care (PDHPC) and Ohio Shared Living (OSL) for the purposes of providing personal care that the hospital is not obligated to provide, behavioral and communication support that is not otherwise provided in a hospital setting.

Parents of Minors as Paid Caregivers:

Authorizations for paid services may be provided by a parent of a minor child for extraordinary care if a provider is not available.

Rate Increases for services:

Rate increases will take effect on January 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024 for most waiver services within the Individual Options, Level One, and Self Empowered Life Funding waivers.

Funding Limitation Increase effective January 1, 2024 for Individual Options, Level One, and Self-Empowered Life Funding waivers:

- Individual Options Waiver (IO) - Based on Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile Assessment (ODDP) and Cost of Doing Business Category (CODB) per county board, a one-time funding ranges increase will occur to align with service rate increases.
- Level One Waiver (L1) - Adults \$62,136.00 and Children \$41,424.00
- Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver (SELF) - Adults \$62,136.00 and Children \$41,424.00