

How will I know what to request?

A County Board will inform you and your family of “alternative services.” Alternative Services can be provided or funded through the county board, funded outside the MR/DD system or other services funded by the state. The county board will work with you and your family to determine what services are appropriate to meet your needs.

What happens once I am on a waiting list?

The county board will let you know where your place is on each list. At least annually, the county board will review your place on each list and will make sure you still want that service. The county board also will review the services that are available to you and talk with you about your Due Process rights.

How do I get “picked” from a waiting list?

Individuals are picked from a waiting list based on criteria specified in Ohio Administrative Code and Revised Code. In general, the order is 1) **Emergencies**, 2) **Priorities** and 3) **Regular Waiting List**.

What if I disagree with my placement or removal from a waiting list?

You can appeal the decision by using your Due Process rights.

How?

You can ask for a state hearing if you do not agree with an action or a decision on your waiver application or Medicaid benefits. To learn more, get a copy of ODHS 4059 Explanation of State Hearing Procedures from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

**To learn more about waivers,
call 614-466-5214
or visit the web site:
<http://odmrdd.state.oh.us>**

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What is a Waiver?

A waiver is another way that Medicaid can pay for services to keep you in your home so you do not have to move to a long-term care facility or nursing home. Your home is where you choose to live.

Are there different kinds of waivers?

Yes. Your County Board of MR/DD or the County Job and Family Services representatives can give you detailed information.

Where do I go to get a waiver?

You apply for a waiver at your County Department of Job and Family Services or the County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

What must I do to get a waiver?

You must be Medicaid eligible to receive a waiver.

How do I get Medicaid?

Your County Job and Family Services representative decides if you are eligible after asking you questions about:

- Your disability and your age.
- How much money you get each month
- What you own (belongings, savings or investments)

If your disability, income and assets are OK according to Medicaid's eligibility requirements, Medicaid will pay for your services.

When should I apply for Medicaid?

You should apply now.

What if I am denied a waiver?

Call your local County Board of MR/DD or your County Office of Job and Family Services. You can ask for a state hearing if you don't agree with an action or decision on your case or if you think the local agency has not done something it should have.

Who can help me get a waiver?

A Service Support Administrator, Case Manager or a Waiver Administrator are some of the titles held by people who can assist you. They can do such things as:

- Help coordinate the application for Medicaid if the individual has not yet been determined Medicaid eligible
- Help coordinate the completion of the Level of Care assessment.
- Explain and help choose a qualified and willing provider.
- Explain feasible alternatives available upon enrollment on the waiver
- Explain due process and appeal rights
- Make a recommendation to ODJFS/ODMRDD as to whether you meet the criteria for an ICF/MR Level of Care
- Annually certify the continued need for an ICF/MR Level of Care at the time of re-determination

What is a waiting list?

Each County Board of MR/DD establishes waiting lists when there are not enough resources to meet the needs of everyone requesting service. If you ask for a service that has a waiting list, a county board will document your request along with the date and time, and place your name on the list if you want the service within the next 12 months.