

TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.19

SERVICE FUNDING

Purpose:

This policy was developed to support the Board's authority to plan and set priorities based on available resources for the provision of facilities, programs, and other services to meet the needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities who reside in Trumbull County.

Policy:

It is the policy of the Board to provide its programs, services and supports in the most efficient and effective manner to as many eligible individuals as possible. To maximize local financial resources and use of federal medicaid dollars, the Board shall adhere to the medicaid tenants of OAC 5160-1-01 medicaid medical necessity:

1. Medical necessity for individuals as defined as conditions of medical necessity for a procedure, item, or services that meet all the following:
 - a. It meets generally accepted standards of medical practice;
 - b. It is clinically appropriate in its type, frequency, extent, duration, and delivery setting;
 - c. It is appropriate to the adverse health condition for which it is provided and is expected to produce the desired outcome;
 - d. It is the lowest cost alternative that effectively addresses and treats the medical problem;
 - e. It provides unique, essential, and appropriate information if it is used for diagnostic purposes; and
 - f. It is not provided primarily for the economic benefit of the provider nor for the sole convenience of the provider or anyone else other than the recipient.
2. The fact that a physician, dentist, or other licensed practitioner renders, prescribes, orders, certifies, recommends, approves, or submits a claim for a procedure, item, or service does not, in and of itself make the procedure, item, or service medically necessary and does not guarantee payment.

The Board shall actively seek the most cost-effective level of support which meets these tenants.


An individual service plan (ISP) shall be developed to include only waiver services which are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. When reasonable, waiver services will not be provided entirely at a one-to-one ratio. When combined with other non-waiver services, waiver services must ensure the health and welfare for the individual for whom the ISP is developed.

A request for prior authorization of applicable waiver services will be submitted to the department during the waiver eligibility span for which the request is made if the plan results in an individual funding level that exceeds the funding range assigned to the

individual. Funding range means one of the dollar ranges contained in appendix A to rule 5123-9-06 of the OAC, to which individuals enrolled in the individual options waiver have been assigned, as determined by the score derived from the Ohio developmental disabilities profile completed by a qualified county board employee. Trumbull County Board will follow the procedure as outlined in the OAC 5123-9-07 (D) (1-14) when either supporting a prior authorization request or when not supporting the prior authorization request.

Support requested above the level needed to meet medical necessity and maintain health and safety will be considered "preferential" and will not be supported by Board resources. However, in "preferential" situations the Board may assist individuals, parents or guardians to develop voluntary and natural supports, shared funding opportunities, or other methods in attempts to reach the preferred support level.

The Board shall authorize the Superintendent to establish guidelines and procedures to standardize the implementation of this policy.



Board President



Superintendent

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References:
OAC 5160-1-01
OAC 5123-9-07