



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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NewsBits

News from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has heard back from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the issue of 'Conflict Free Case Management.'

CMS has told state officials that County Boards of DD will have until March, 2024 to stop providing home and community based services. While the Franklin County Board of DD had hoped that CMS would allow for County Boards to continue to provide these services indefinitely, we are glad that they are not requiring more immediate compliance with their 'Conflict Free' rule that is currently in place.

This announcement will require the Franklin County Board and the ARC Industries Board to consider future plans and timing on when and how our home and community based services will be privatized. This primarily impacts adult services and adult transportation, which are both partially funded with Medicaid Home and Community Based waivers. This ruling does not apply to early childhood and school services.

Similar to when our residential services were privatized over 10 years ago, we are confident that services and staffing will be maintained in a

stable and quality manner. Dot Yeager, FCBDD Chief Business Officer and Marcy Samuel, FCBDD Director of Program Operations will head up the FCBDD planning effort to develop recommendations on how to proceed. We are pleased that we will have more time to consider options. Suggestions or feedback can be directed to dot.yeager@fcbdd.org or marcy.samuel@fcbdd.org.

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