

Retention Payments for DSPs Authorized

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is launching the county board-funded Direct Support Professional (DSP) retention payment initiative for independent providers and DSPs of agency waiver providers.

In their final session of the year, the Ohio Legislature passed a bill that will authorize the retention payments. Governor DeWine has also issued an emergency rule that allows the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to launch the initiative to issue payments in the coming months.

Quarterly payments will be distributed to participating home and community-based waiver providers that 'opt-in' to the requirements. Participating agency providers must distribute the vast majority of the payment to eligible DSPs. Every quarter, participating agency providers are then required to report certain data elements and attest that the funds were used in accordance with all requirements. Independent providers are eligible for payments and will not need to opt-in or report to participate.

This initiative was initiated and will be partially funded by County Boards of Developmental Disabilities in support of Direct Support Professionals and Providers. Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities | 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, OH 43219

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