COVID-19 Relief Payment to Waiver Residential Providers Announced

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The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has worked closely with Governor Mike DeWine's office, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities (OACB), and Ohio's 88 county boards of developmental disabilities to issue a one-time COVID-19 relief payment to agency and independent waiver residential providers.

This payment follows COVID-19 provider relief payments made to day service, non-medical transportation, and intermediate care facility (ICF) providers. These payments are in recognition of additional costs providers have incurred during the state of emergency. The administration recognizes and is appreciative of the essential work that providers continue to perform in supporting Ohioans with developmental disabilities throughout this state of emergency.

This payment to agency and independent providers of Ohio Shared Living, Homemaker-Personal Care (HPC), and On Site-On Call will amount to approximately $74 million. These payments are made possible by funding from DODD, county boards of developmental disabilities, and federal Medicaid match.

DODD and ODM will submit this request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as an Appendix K addendum.

After CMS approval, DODD will issue the one-time relief payments through the existing reimbursement payment process. No action will be required on the part of providers to receive the payment.

Details will be communicated as available.

These payments are possible because of the leadership and strong advocacy that exists in Ohio's developmental disabilities system. DODD is thankful for the support from the Ohio Provider Resource Association, Ohio Health Care Association, the Ohio Waiver Network, and Values and Faith Alliance.