

AGENCY ELIGIBILITY, SERVICES and REFERRAL OVERVIEW

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)	Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (ORSC) (BVR and BSVI)	Social Security Administration (SSA)	Medicaid and Medicaid Buy-In (Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS))
<p>Who is Eligible: Individuals of any age that have a developmental disability/delay that results in functional limitations may be eligible for support through DODD. "Functional limitations" refers to the ability to play, work, learn, etc. Eligibility is determined by use of COEDI and OEDI assessment tools. (Those under age 3 are determined eligible using other documentation.) The needed level of support is also determined individually through the use of a variety of assessment tools and information.</p> <p>What are possible services: Services are provided through the local county board of DD where the individual lives. Services may come directly from the local DD or through a contracted service provider. Services are individualized and can vary from county to county. Services can provide support for employment, learning, leisure, and living needs. Services that may be available include: case management/coordination of services, therapies, transportation, respite, behavior support, vocational services (such as job development, job training, job coaching), sheltered workshops, adult day activities, residential supports, DODD also administers two Home and Community Based Medicaid Waivers (Level 1 and I/O) that provide funding for services beyond basic Medicaid coverage.</p>	<p>Who is Eligible: Transition age students and adults that have an employment goal and (1) have a visual, physical or mental disability that interferes with the ability to work, (2) are able to benefit from the services ORSC is able to provide and (3) require these type of vocational services to get or keep job. While many people may be eligible for ORSC services, ORSC will prioritize individuals identified as "most significantly disabled" and others may be placed on a waiting list or referred to other agencies.</p> <p>What are possible services: Services from ORSC must be focused on employment outcomes and individuals should have a defined employment goal. Services may include assistance to attend an educational program, vocational evaluation or assessment, personal and work adjustment training vocational training, therapies, job development, job placement, equipment, adaptive technology, counseling and/or a case manager to help organize and guide an employment plan. Services (other than case management) are generally contracted rather than provided directly by ORSC employees.</p>	<p>Who is Eligible: SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) is a financial support (benefit) that may be available to people who cannot work because they have a medical condition that is expected to last at least one year or result in death. SSI (Supplemental Security Income) is financial support for individuals with low income, few resources and who are elderly or disabled. Individuals of all ages are can be eligible to receive SSI. In general, the individual must have a disability that results in significant functional limitations and (if over age 18) a disability that prevents the person from earning wages that are able to provide for living expenses (referred to as SGA). This means there is both a "disability" criteria and a "financial" criteria. For those under 18, the family income is considered when determining eligibility. For those 18 and over, only the individual income is considered.</p> <p>What are possible services: SSI Services include a monthly financial allocation (SSI) which may be as much as \$674/month. Those on SSDI will eventually receive Medicare coverage. Also important are "work incentive" programs that are offered by SSA to allow individuals to work and maintain their benefits. SSA works with employment networks to provide incentives to employ individuals with disabilities through the Ticket to Work program. SSA supports benefits counseling through Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Agencies to help individuals understand the programs. SSA is complex, but offers options to support many people.</p>	<p>Who is Eligible: There are many programs through ODJFS that target different populations, including individuals with disabilities. For those individuals with disabilities, ODJFS uses the SSA definition of disability. One must also be a US citizen and have a social security number. There is also a financial eligibility. Individuals cannot earn more than \$589/month and have resources of no more than \$1500 (with some deductions and exceptions). For Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities: the income level can be as high as \$2,257/month and resources up to \$10,580 (Financial requirements are for the year 2010).</p> <p>What are possible services: Medicaid (administered by ODJFS) provides health care coverage for those that meet financial eligibility (those unable to work) and for those that are disabled, working and still need to buy into the Medicaid program to maintain their health coverage. Medicaid also has a program of "Home and Community Based Waivers" that allow for extended support services, beyond the basic Medicaid. For people with developmental disabilities, these are administered by DODD and are limited.</p>
<p>Who Is Eligible Type of Service, Support or Programs</p>			

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<p>Birth to age 13</p> <p><i>(As early as possible, but it is never too late)</i></p>	<p>Make referral for eligibility assessment: COEDI- Ages 3 to 16 OEDI – Age 16 and older</p> <p>Make application for Individual Options (I/O) and Level One Medicaid Waivers.</p> <p>Request County DODD SSA (Service Support Administrator or case manager) to attend IEP Meetings.</p>	<p>Families, schools and individuals can begin to learn about ORSC services and intake procedures prior to the need to make a referral.</p> <p>Visit ORSC website, review materials related to successful employment outcomes, and strategies to improve employment success.</p>	<p>If family meets financial eligibility criteria for SSI (Supplemental Security Income), refer at any age to request determination of disability for student.</p> <p>If student receives Medicaid, student will also likely meet the financial eligibility test to receive SSI (in Ohio, individuals must apply separately for Medicaid and SSI).</p>	<p>If family meets financial eligibility refer at any time.</p> <p>If eligible for DODD services, apply for Medicaid Waivers. These include I/O and Level One Medicaid Waivers through local County Department of DD.</p>
<p>Age 14 -15</p>	<p>Refer for eligibility if this has not been done.</p> <p>If SSA is not already attending IEP meetings, request attendance as part of transition to adulthood team.</p>	<p>Explore possible services offered by ORSC and how these align to student outcomes and needed support services. Team discussion will help determine if a referral is appropriate or if additional information is needed prior to making a referral decision.</p> <p>- Make referral to ORSC as transition age youth in need of support to reach employment goals, especially if student exiting high school within 3 years.</p>		

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<p>Ages 15-19</p> <p>Two years prior to graduation or leaving high school</p>	<p>Refer for eligibility if this has not been done. (see above)</p> <p>Request SSA attend IEP and transition planning meetings if not done previously.</p> <p>As necessary services and supports for adult life are identified, refer for specific service needed. Example: Job Development, Job Coaching, Personal Care, Transportation, Supported Residential Environment.</p>	<p>Refer if appropriate (see above) to ORSC for eligibility assessment.</p> <p>Invite ORSC counselor to join and/or communicate with the IEP team on a regular basis.</p>	<p>Explore the variety of programs available through SSA, including work incentive programs. Visit SSA website. Attend SSA trainings. Discuss with ORSC and DODD and school based transition team.</p>	<p>If student with a disability is 16 or older and working, student may qualify for Medicaid Buy In for Workers with a Disability (if income level is too high).</p> <p>If not done previously and student is eligible for DODD services, make referral for I/O and Level 1 Medicaid Waiver through Department of DD.</p> <p>One month prior to 18th birthday, student should prepare Medicaid application as adult (not as family member).</p> <p>At age 18, submit prepared application.</p>
<p>Ages 15-19</p> <p>Six to one month prior to turning 18</p>		<p>If no referral before this time and in need of employment assistance, review eligibility criteria, employment goals, ORSC services, and make referral to ORSC as appropriate.</p>	<p>Contact SSA the month of the student's 18th birthday to set up an appointment to file for SSI benefits (Prepare for application to SSA for SSI for student. Base this application on student income (not family). Collect all necessary paperwork/documents/etc. As close to age 18 as possible complete application with SSA.</p> <p>Consider development of PASS (Plan to Achieve Self Support) or IRWE (Impairment Related Work Expenses) for student with employment available when leaving school.</p>	<p>If adult has not applied for Medicaid, Medicaid Waivers, etc, apply as soon as possible.</p>
<p>ADULTHOOD</p> <p>Following Graduation/ Leaving High School</p>	<p>If Referral for eligibility not made, make at this time.</p> <p>If Eligible, but have not requested adult SSA, request at this time</p> <p>If Eligible, but have not applied/requested Level 1 or I/O waiver or other adult services (job development, coaching, personal care assistance, etc), request now.</p>	<p>Referrals can be made at anytime. Cases may be re-opened if an adult is jeopardy of loosing a job or has lost a job.</p>	<p>If adult has not applied for SSI, apply as soon as possible. If adult is working and has not considered the use of work incentives, contact SSA or Disability Program Navigator through the One-Stop System in local area to review these possibilities.</p>	<p>If adult is working and has not applied for Medicaid Buy-In for Disabled Workers, consider application.</p>

