

# A New <sup>Adult</sup> Day

## New Adult Day Services Overview

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## What is meant by the words, 'New Adult Day Services'?

Adult day services will be available for adults enrolled on Individual Options and Level One Medicaid waivers administered by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). The new services include Adult Day Support, Vocational Habilitation, Supported Employment, and Non-Medical Transportation.



## How would you describe these services?

**Adult Day Support** services are provided separate from any home or facility in which an individual resides, focus on non-work activities, and include five components:

- > *Assessment* -- may be formal or informal, for the purpose of developing an Individual Service Plan (ISP)
- > *Personal care* -- includes personal hygiene, eating, communication, mobility, toileting, and dressing
- > *Skill reinforcement* -- includes implementing behavioral intervention plans, and help with the use of communication and mobility devices
- > *Training in self-determination* -- includes developing self-advocacy skills and acquiring skills that enable an individual to become more independent
- > *Recreation and leisure* -- includes supports identified in the ISP that are therapeutic, and help to develop and maintain social relationships and family contacts

**Vocational Habilitation** services teach and reinforce concepts related to work such as:

- > Responsibility
- > Attendance
- > Task completion
- > Problem solving
- > Social interaction
- > Motor skill development
- > Safety

**Supported Employment** services are intensive, ongoing supports that help people to perform work in a regular employment setting, including self-employment. *Supported Employment does not include sheltered work or other vocational services furnished in specialized facilities.*

There are two types of Supported Employment services:

- > *Enclave* -- provided to individuals who work as a team at a single work-site (community business or industry) with ongoing support provided by on-site staff
- > *Community* -- provided to individuals who work in an integrated community work setting, alongside employees without disabilities, and performing same or similar tasks

**Non-Medical Transportation** includes transportation services necessary for an individual to participate in Adult Day Support, Vocational Habilitation, and Supported Employment, as specified in an Individual Service Plan (ISP).



## Who is Eligible for the New Services?

**Services are available** to individuals enrolled on the Individual Options and Level One waivers, who are no longer eligible for educational services based on graduation, receipt of a diploma/equivalency certificate, or permanent discontinuation of educational services as established by the Ohio Department of Education. Adults who have been receiving Day Habilitation will qualify for Adult Day Support and/or Vocational Habilitation under the new services. Adults who have been receiving Supported Employment services will qualify for one of the new Supported Employment services (Enclave or Community).

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## What are the Benefits of these New Services?

### The new services:

- > Support individuals and families in selecting the services they need and want
- > Provide more choices and options
- > Allow transportation as a separate service
- > Cover taxi service, public transportation, and wheelchair transportation if needed
- > Recognize working at home as a form of supported employment

## Important: Determination of availability of funding from ORSC/BVR ...

*Before an individual can access Supported Employment services through the Individual Options and Level One waivers, the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (ORSC)/Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) must verify that the services you plan to access are not rehabilitative in nature. Rehabilitation services are not covered under the Adult Day Services.*

## Who can provide the new services?

*Agencies certified through the DODD may provide Adult Day Support, Vocational Habilitation. Certified agencies and individuals may provide Supported Employment-Community and Enclave services and non-medical transportation.*

## Can I keep the same provider I have been using for Day Habilitation?

Yes, if your provider has been certified as a provider of Day Habilitation, and satisfies requirements to be a certified provider of Adult Day Support, Vocational Habilitation, and Supported Employment-Enclave.

## Can I keep the same provider I have been using for Supported Employment?

Yes, if your provider has been certified as a provider of Supported Employment, and meets requirements to be a certified provider of Supported Employment-Community.

## Can I get Homemaker-Personal Care services and Supported Employment-Community services in my home, from the same provider?

Yes. Supported Employment-Community services that help you achieve self-employment through operation of a business in your home, may be provided by the same provider. All other Adult Day services *cannot* be provided in your home.

## Do I need to contact my local County Board of DD to get these services?

Yes. Like all other services offered through the Individual Options and Level One waivers, these services are coordinated through your local County Board.

## How do I know which service is best for me?

You will work through the planning process, with your team, to determine which services best meet your individual needs.

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## **What needs to be done before I can receive the new Adult Day services?**

*A list of questions called an 'Acuity Assessment' will be completed to determine the level of staff needed for Adult Day services. Completion takes about 10-15 minutes. The Acuity Assessment Instrument is a tool used to determine the needs of an individual in relation to adult day services. The 'score' resulting from this assessment determines the adult day service staff-intensity ratio and corresponding range of funding. A rate is determined by matching an individual's group-size category found through the assessment. There are 24 possible provider rates.*



## **What if I don't agree with the outcome of the Acuity Assessment?**

You do have the right to request a new Assessment. A new Acuity Assessment can be completed at any time at the request of the individual, and/or at the discretion of the Service and Support Administrator (SSA).



## **I've already had an ODDP -- Why do I need another assessment?**

*The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile (ODDP) determines a range of funding for an individual's residential services. The Acuity Assessment Instrument (AAI) determines the level of staff and budget limitation for an individual's non-residential services.*



## **How much service can I buy?**

The budget limit for purchasing Adult Day Services is tied to the cost of Adult Day Support and Vocational Habilitation. However, the same budget limit may be used, instead, to purchase Supported Employment-Enclave or Supported Employment-Community services if you prefer -- or a combination of any of these services.

*It is important to note that transportation has a separate budget limit. It is not tied to your Acuity Assessment, and this budget can be used only to access Non-Medical Transportation related to Adult Day Services.*



## **Is there a list of providers for Day Habilitation, Supported Employment, and new Adult Day services?**

Yes. It is on the DODD website at <http://dodd.ohio.gov/providers/odmrdd.htm>

Remember, all providers of Day Habilitation service will be eligible to provide Adult Day Support, Vocational Habilitation, and Supported Employment-Enclave when the new services start.



## **Can I access more than one of the new Adult Day services at the same time and bill my waiver?**

Yes you can, as long as the services stay within your budget.



## **Can I use my Homemaker/Personal Care provider to drive me to work?**

Yes, provided the agency or individual for which he or she works is certified to provide Non-Medical Transportation.

*For additional information on Adult Day Services as it becomes available, check the DODD website at [www.dodd.ohio.gov](http://www.dodd.ohio.gov) or call tollfree (877) 464-6733*