



## Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

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Subject: First Aid/CPR Certification Requirements

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Home and Community Based Waiver Services (HCBS) rule language defining CPR/First Aid certification requirements may vary slightly depending upon the waiver specific service. The purpose of this information notice is to standardize the initial and ongoing certification requirements related to CPR/First Aid.

There are eleven rules which address the requirement for individuals providing services to possess CPR or CPR/First Aid certification. An example of rule language includes Homemaker Personal Care for the Individual Options (IO) and Level I (LI) which require individual applicants to provide proof of valid certification of CPR for initial and ongoing certification. However, Non-Medical Transportation for IO and Level I waiver require the applicant to show proof of department –approved First Aid/CPR training or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate. Although the language used differs slightly, the concept of verifying that applicants and current service providers possess the appropriate credentials from an accredited entity is the goal.

In this era of technology, there are many entities that offer web based training for CPR and First –Aid certification. Although, these entities have credentials their performance measures may differ significantly. The standards of performance the department recognizes follow the prescribed format equivalent to the American Red Cross. A prescribed format is defined as lecture, demonstrations via video or conferencing and hands-on-training in a practice while you watch format. To obtain CPR/First Aid certification the web based testing is permissible when followed with an actual skills competency in person demonstration.

Applicants that prefer to obtain CPR/First Aid web based training in lieu of classroom training for initial certification must submit with their application written verification that the entity's curriculum is equivalent to the American Red Cross prescribed format. Individuals certified as an EMT are required to submit their EMT certification as evidence of completion of CPR/First Aid. Applicants currently certified must maintain written verification of the entity's curriculum in the event of a compliance review.

Table includes rules that address CPR/First Aid:

		<b>Ohio Administrative Code</b>
<b>1.</b>	County Board Administration Rule	5123: 2-1-02(L)(1)(d)
<b>2.</b>	Licensure	5123:2-3-08(B)(5)
<b>3.</b>	HCBS - Level One <i>Homemaker Personal Care</i>	5123:2-8-10 (D)(3)
<b>4.</b>	HCBS - Individual Options Waiver <i>Homemaker Personal Care</i>	5123:2-13-04 (D)(1)(3)
<b>5.</b>	Adult Day Support and Vocational Habilitation	5123:2-9-17(D)(8)
<b>6.</b>	Day Habilitation ( <i>Ends 12/31/07</i> )	5123:2-9-10(D)(6)
<b>7.</b>	Supported Employment ( <i>Ends 12/31/07</i> )	5123:2-9-13(D)(7)
<b>8.</b>	Supported Employment- Enclave and Supported Employment Community	5123:2-9-16(D)(10)(a) & (b)
<b>9.</b>	Non Medical Transportation	5123:2-9-18 (D)(5)(b) per mile billing 5123:2-9-18 (C)(6)(b) per trip billing
<b>10.</b>	HCBS Waiver Level One Transportation	5123:2-8-07 (C)(7)
<b>11.</b>	HCBS IO Waiver Transportation Mileage	5123:2-13-05(C)(2)(b)