

ODMRDD to Survey 'Martin' Waiver Recipients

Beginning in January 2008, the Department will be conducting 'follow-along' reviews of individuals enrolled on the IO Waiver utilizing 'Martin' waiver slots. These reviews will be conducted at 90-day, one year and two year intervals from the date of an individual's enrollment on the waiver. The reviews will utilize the *Participant Experience Survey*, a survey tool developed by CMS for individuals receiving waiver services.

The survey focuses on waiver recipients' choices and controls, respect and dignity, access to care and community integration/inclusion. The review is not intended as a provider compliance tool, but rather a way to get an individual's perspective on the services they receive. The department also wants to use this survey to evaluate the transition process an individual undergoes when being enrolled on the waiver and ways the department can improve that process. The reviews are expected to begin in mid-late January 2008.

All reviews will be conducted by department staff and every effort will be made to coordinate these reviews with other reviews (licensure, provider compliance) being conducted in a county. Department staff may, however, need to contact a county board to obtain current information (address, phone numbers) regarding individuals and/or their guardians in order to facilitate these reviews. A copy of the completed survey will be provided to the county board.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the survey tool or review process, please contact Ernie Fischer at (614) 644-5965 or ernie.fischer@dmr.state.oh.us.

