

Ohio: Waivers and Waiting Lists

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Waivers Administered by ODMRDD

- Individual Options (IO) Waiver (1992)
 - ICF-MR Level of Care Required
 - Current capacity: 16,155
 - Current enrollment: 13,638
 - Average annual cost: \$56,957
- Level One (LI) Waiver (2003)
 - ICF-MR LOC care required
 - Current capacity: 5,276
 - Current enrollment: 4,821
 - Average annual cost: \$19,026

IO Waiver: Services

- Homemaker/Personal Care
- Transportation
- Adult Day Services
 - Vocational
 - Supported Employment
- Adapted Equipment/ Environmental Modifications
- Other services (low utilization)

IO Waiver: Costs

- Adult Day Services predicted via AAI
 - Focus on staffing ratios
 - \$9,480 to \$30,420 annually
- Non-Medical Transportation Budget
 - Around \$9,000 annually
- All other services: ODDP
 - 9 Funding ranges:
 - Low: \$5,001 to \$18,626 annually
 - High: \$147,454 to IO aggregate cost cap
 - Cost of Doing Business adjustment for geography (\pm 4%)

LI Waiver: Costs

- Adult Day Services predicted via AAI
 - Focus on staffing ratios
 - \$9,480 to \$28,380 annually
 - Same as IO
- Non-Medical Transportation Budget
 - Around \$9,000 annually
 - Same as IO
- All other services: 1 range: up to \$5,000 budget
 - 3-year emergency budget: up to \$8,000

Statewideness

- Its Ohio's understanding is that CMS has interpreted this term with some latitude
- Ohio assures all waiver enrollees with like needs and circumstances have similar funding levels
 - Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile (ODDP)
 - Acuity Assessment Instrument (AAI)

Statewideness (cont'd)

- Ohio assures a fair and equitable distribution of all *requested* waiver capacity
 - Blue County= 10% Ohio's population
 - Blue County has the *right to request* 10% of the available waiver capacity
 - Blue County may choose not to request 10% of the waivers, and those waivers may be allocated to people in other counties

Statewideness (cont'd.)

- Reserve capacity
 - A portion of Ohio's waiver capacity is available for emergencies and to allow for the replacement of capacity recently disenrolled in the same county
 - ODMRDD has established a 'floor' of minimum capacity counties are expected to maintain
 - Counties can choose to go over their floor level by requesting additional waivers

Statewideness (cont'd.)

■ State Subsidy

- Originally intended to cover non-waiver services for eligible recipients
- Can now be used as waiver match if local levy revenues are low
- Some counties use all their state subsidy for waiver match, some use none
- Dampening effect on levy millage variances

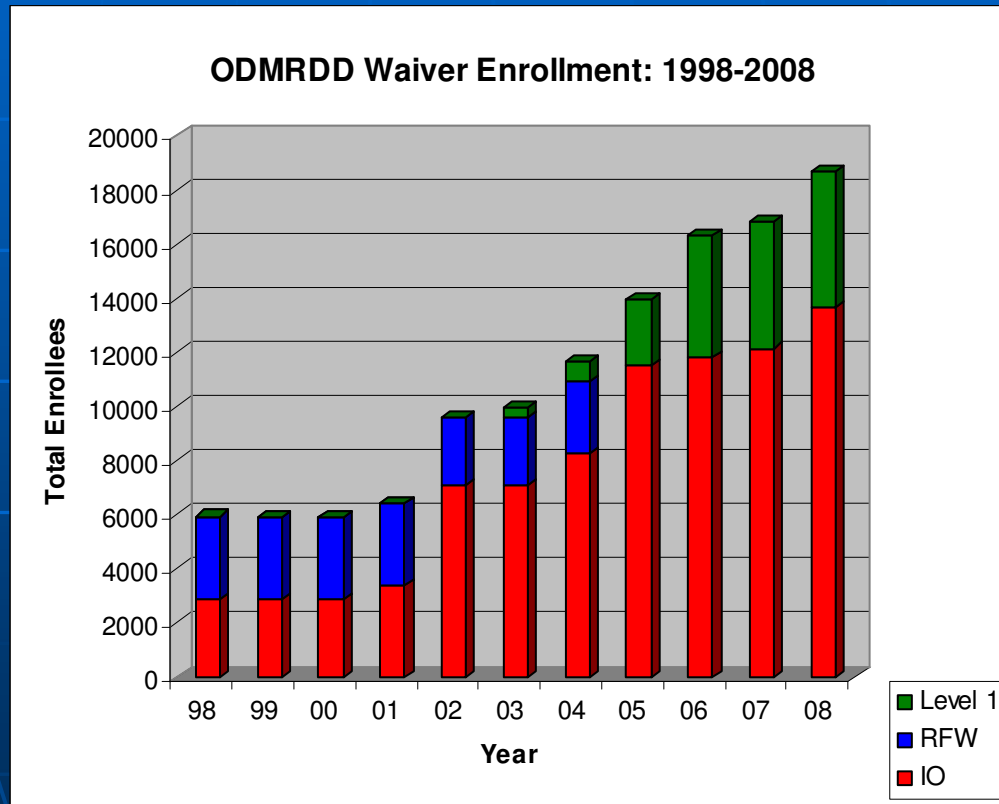
Ohio's Waiting List Statute

- Regular Waiting List
- Priority Status
 - Aging caregivers (Age 60+)
 - Children/Adults with Intensive needs
 - Local services refinancing
- Emergency Status
 - Get the next available waivers *requested* by a county
 - Paid by the county unless a county is broke
 - No county in Ohio has been in this situation-yet

Waiting List cont'd.

- No point value for multiple categories
- No defined order between categories
- No defined order within a category
 - Based on the intensity of the needs, county policy direction

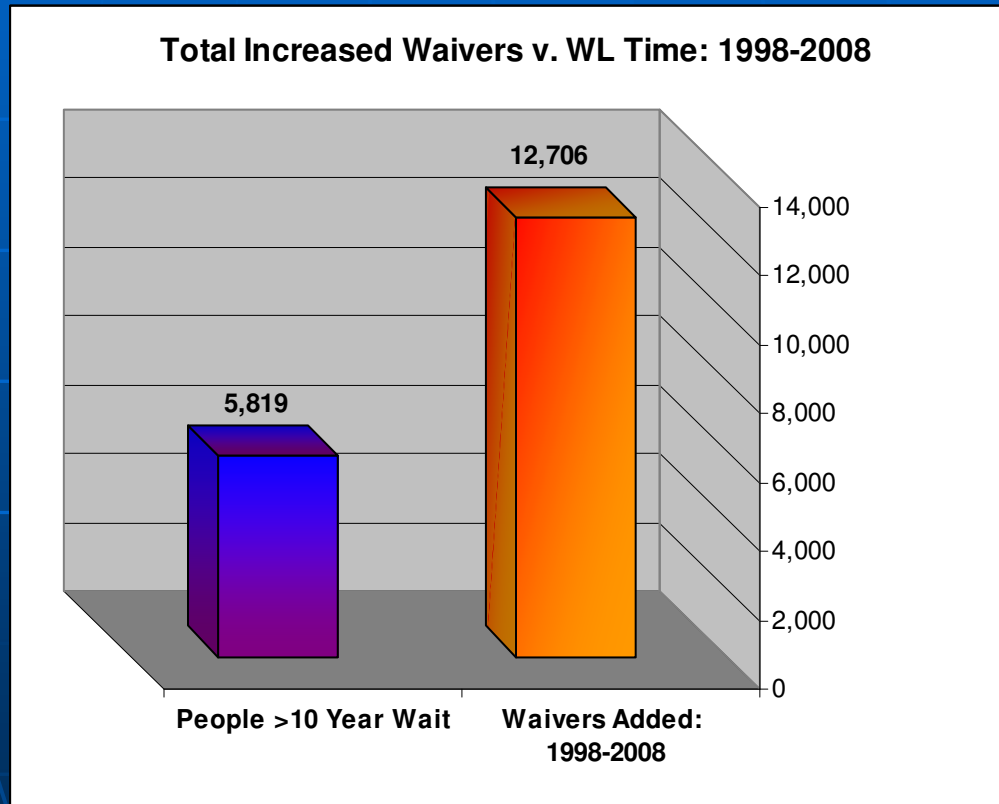
Ohio's Waiver Enrollment



Ohio's Current Waiver Waiting List

- LI: 16,000
- IO: 28,000
- Issues:
 - Many individuals are on both lists waiting for a waiver
 - Current LI enrollee: still on IO waiting list
 - No current assessment process prior to enrollment
 - Currently only about 50% of those who receive waiver allocations make through the LOC and Medicaid eligibility process
 - As probability of receiving a waiver increases, so has the overall number of people requesting placement on waiting lists

WL vs. Increased Capacity



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Recommendations on Waiting Lists

- Focus on needs, not funding streams
 - In many cases, people can be adequately served on Level I who are currently waiting /enrolled on IO
- Clarifications on priority categories
- Potential monitoring of priority category spread of utilization

Additional Information

- Copy of ODMRDD waivers:
 - <http://odmrdd.state.oh.us/medicaid/ammendments.htm>
- ODMRDD web page: Medicaid
 - <http://odmrdd.state.oh.us/medicaid/>
 - There is a list of topics on the left side
- ODJFS web page: Ohio Health Plans
 - <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/index.stm>