



Our Journey Forward - Facts at-a-Glance

About Integrated Settings and Sheltered Workshops

- The federal government, specifically the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS), enacted rules in 2014 that federal Medicaid funds can no longer be used to pay for services in settings that isolate people from the community, including sheltered workshops.
- CMS announced that all states, including Ohio, must comply by 2019. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) asked for more time. To date, the request for more time has not been approved.
- **This rule does not require workshops to close.** It requires all providers to offer opportunities to participate in community events or activities, invite the community into the workshop more often, or offer employment options in the community.
- If an individual doesn't want to, or can't work, they won't be forced into employment.
- An individual will not be required to participate in a community event or activity if they do not want to.
- Your Service and Support Administrator, or SSA, will talk with you about what is important to and for you and you will have the choice about what your day will look like.

About Summit DD No Longer Providing Day Programs, Community Employment and Transportation

- CMS also ruled that County Boards cannot provide case management, or service coordination, and be a direct provider of Waiver services because there is a conflict of interest.
- DODD and CMS reached an agreement, giving Boards no later than 2024 to phase out of providing services. Summit DD is in a position to come into full compliance ahead of the 2024 date.
- Waiver services include adult day programs (workshops), community employment, and transportation.
- Currently 60% of individuals already receive services from providers other than Summit DD. **If Summit DD is not your current service provider this rule does not impact you.**
- If Summit DD is your provider, **you will still receive similar services** that you are currently receiving. You will eventually need to select another provider and you will have more opportunities for integration.
- Your SSA will work with you to ensure you have all of the services needed with quality providers.
- Summit DD is working on a timeline for all of its facilities and will keep families updated.

About Our Financial Commitment

- 86% of adults supported by Summit DD are funded through a Federal Medicaid Waiver. Medicaid pays approximately 60% of costs for Medicaid-funded services, Summit DD pays 40%
- The average annual cost for an adult enrolled on an IO Waiver is \$69,000 a year. Summit DD's annual share of that cost is an average of \$26,373 for each person on a Waiver. There are currently have more than 1,000 adults on an IO Waiver.

We are committed to keeping individuals and families up to date as we navigate this transition and will keep you up to date through our website, meetings, mailings, and our eNewsletter (InformDD).

Questions? Contact our information hotline at (330) 634-TALK (8255) or visit SummitDD.org to Contact Us.