**DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR OHIO WAIVER REIMBURSEMENT REFORM**

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Since October 27, 2017 and under the leadership of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, representatives of organizations who work to improve the health and well being of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Ohio have met to discuss whether new, innovative models of paying for care for Ohioans with IDD should be considered. This group has met four times to discuss the goals of potential models and to hear from experts at the federal, state, and local levels about changes taking place nationwide as the health care system evolves toward “value-based care” and a larger role for commercial payors. The group has also heard about care models for the I/DD population that exist or are being developed in other states. IDD leaders from Arkansas (including the leader from Anthem), Iowa, Michigan, New York, North Carolina and Pennsylvania each discussed waiver reimbursement and service delivery system reform in their state. Ralph Lollar, CMS, discussed value based purchasing and the future of performance based systems in IDD HCBS waivers systems.

This group is a subcommittee of the DODD Waiver Workgroup initiated by Lori Horvath. Any member of the DODD Waiver Workgroup and the waiver pilot participants were welcome to join the subcommittee. The subcommittee participants include:

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The subcommittee has developed a draft set of principles that it will use to guide its ongoing work. The principles reflect the goals and objectives that the subcommittee considers to be of the highest importance in discussions of whether changes to the current model of caring for people with I/DD should be considered, and if so what those changes might be. Although the members of the group represent a diverse group of stakeholders that hold different and at times divergent priorities, the subcommittee is working toward reaching consensus on the shared principles below, and aim to meet again on March 16th to discuss adopting the principles as the foundation of the subcommittee’s future work. Here are the draft principles that each subcommittee member will vet with their constituents:

1. No person with IDD should lose needed services
2. Use the person-centered planning process to achieve community integration and enhanced community connections
3. No loss of current funding
4. An adequate workforce must be available
5. People with I/DD must be healthy and safe, but not be denied the dignity of risk
6. Funding must relate to the cost of living
7. Change financial incentives so they get us where we want to be
8. Reduce administrative cost
9. Give people with disabilities and families greater control: allocate the person the budget and, with conflict free support, allow the person to decide what they want/their outcomes they want, and select who provides the service and what is paid.
10. Greater flexibility for providers and county boards to support the individual to achieve their desired outcome.

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