**Voluntary DC Admissions Under County Board of**

**Developmental Disabilities Funded Agreements**

As a result of a proposal and negotiations with the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) and other stakeholders, effective **January 1, 2017,** The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) will make changes to County Board (CB) funded admissions for individuals in need of short term stabilization services from a Developmental Center (DC).

County Boards wishing to utilize a DC for stabilization services must sign the *CB Admission Agreement****.***  Admission to a DC is based on individual circumstances, requires *an Individual Admission Agreement* between the CB and DODD, and must be approved by the Residential Resource Administrator or Deputy Director of Residential Resources. Admissions are for stabilization and crisis situations and should never be used for typical respite situations or in cases where there are other appropriate and available alternatives to the use of a DC.

Upon execution of the agreements, DODD will not charge the CB for the admission of an individual for the first 180 days. If the individual is not discharged within 180 days, the CB will be charged retroactive to the first day of admission (on the 181st day) and payment will continue until the individual is discharged. This will apply only one time per individual across the DC system and cannot be used in different periods of time such as two different 90-day admissions or six different 30-day admissions. Should someone need to be readmitted to any center after their initial discharge, regardless of length of first stay, the CB will be required to pay upon the first day of the **subsequent** admission.

**This applies only to people admitted on or after January 1, 2017, and will not be retroactive to anyone admitted prior to this date. The individual being admitted must also be Medicaid eligible upon admission or the CB will be charged 100% of the per diem rate and is not eligible for the free stay until the individual has been deemed eligible for Medicaid.**

Upon admission, the Interdisciplinary Team, including CB staff, will meet regularly throughout the individuals stay to plan for services needed in order for the person to move back into the community. Regular updates on progress should be shared with the CB Superintendent and the DC Superintendent. The CB is primarily responsible for planning future services for the individual during the stay at the DC. If there are any concerns throughout the process that cannot be addressed by the team, the CB or DC Superintendent may contact the Residential Resource Administrator or Deputy Director of Residential Resources.

When the individual is ready to leave the DC, DODD staff will provide training and support for the CB and provider and follow along services for up to three years (if the person was there 180 days or longer) to help ensure people who move out after a crisis stabilization admission are successful upon return to their home in their community.

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