

Disabled Adult Child Benefit Project



Background of DAC Project

- GRC identified several hundred individuals through analysis of Medicaid claims who were not dual eligible and therefore potentially eligible for the DAC program
- ODJFS/DODD contracted with the GRC to conduct a one year pilot study to document cost effective ways of enrolling individuals in ICF/DDs to the DAC program.
- The GRC hired Marilyn Weber in April 2012 to act as the lead consultant on the project.



Project Intent

- Optimize federal benefits for consumers receiving ICF/DD services

How will this be done?

- Enrolling individuals who are receiving Medicaid only benefits onto SSDI and Medicare



Project Goals

- Enroll individuals in ICFs/DD onto the DAC programs to maximize benefits
- Document the most cost effective ways to enroll eligible individuals onto the DAC program



What is the Disabled Adult Child(DAC) Benefit?

- Social Security entitlement benefits that adults who are disabled may be able to receive
- Benefits are paid on a parent's Social Security earnings record
- DAC enrollees also qualify for Medicare benefits

DAC Benefits: Eligibility

- In order to qualify for DAC the individual must:
 - Have a disability which began before age 22
 - Be unmarried
 - Be the child of parent who is deceased, retired or disabled for Social Security purposes and has sufficient work credits



DAC Benefits: Enrollment

- How is enrollment achieved?
 - Via application with a local Social Security office, providing verification of necessary documentation regarding the individual and his/her parent's work credits.
 - As part of the DAC project the ICF/MR Administrative Expert will file these applications on behalf of the individual and the facility



Consumer Benefits

- Income from other sources, including wages has no impact on the amount of DAC benefits
- Benefits do not fluctuate on living arrangement and provides steady floor of income that simplifies maintaining eligibility
- Individuals enrolled on DAC will become Medicare eligible and enabled access to increased services and health care options



Provider and Statewide Benefits

- Administrative expert will minimize the staff time of participating pilot providers and will file DAC application on behalf of facility and the individual, including follow up as needed
- Maximizing the DAC enrollment will directly benefit the Ohio Medicaid program and it's associated agencies
- Medicare enrollment will potentially cover costs which were previous direct facility costs



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