



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5126.055 Services provided by board that has medicaid local administrative authority.

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(A) Except as provided in section 5126.056 of the Revised Code, a county board of developmental disabilities has medicaid local administrative authority to, and shall, do all of the following for an individual with a developmental disability who resides in the county that the county board serves and seeks or receives home and community-based services:

(1) Perform assessments and evaluations of the individual. As part of the assessment and evaluation process, all of the following apply:

(a) The county board shall make a recommendation to the department of developmental disabilities on whether the department should approve or deny the individual's application for the services, including on the basis of whether the individual needs the level of care an ICF/IID provides.

(b) If the individual's application is denied because of the county board's recommendation and the individual appeals pursuant to section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, the county board shall present, with the department of developmental disabilities or department of medicaid, whichever denies the application, the reasons for the recommendation and denial at the hearing.

(c) If the individual's application is approved, the county board shall recommend to the departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid the services that should be included in the individual service plan. If either department under section 5166.21 of the Revised Code approves, reduces, denies, or terminates a service included in the plan because of the county board's recommendation, the board shall present, with the department that made the approval, reduction, denial, or termination, the reasons for the recommendation and approval, reduction, denial, or termination at a hearing held pursuant to an appeal made under section 5160.31 of the Revised Code.

(2) Perform any duties assigned to the county board in rules adopted under section 5126.046 of the Revised Code regarding the individual's right to choose a qualified and willing provider of the



services and, at a hearing held pursuant to an appeal made under section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, present evidence of the process for appropriate assistance in choosing providers;

(3) If the county board is certified under section 5123.161 of the Revised Code to provide the services and agrees to provide the services to the individual and the individual chooses the county board to provide the services, furnish, in accordance with the county board's medicaid provider agreement and for the authorized reimbursement rate, the services the individual requires;

(4) Monitor the services provided to the individual and ensure the individual's health, safety, and welfare. The monitoring shall include quality assurance activities. If the county board provides the services, the department of developmental disabilities shall also monitor the services.

(5) Develop, with the individual and the provider of the individual's services, an effective individual service plan that includes coordination of services, recommend that the departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid approve the plan, and implement the plan unless either department disapproves it. The plan shall include a summary page, agreed to by the county board, provider, and individual receiving services, that clearly outlines the amount, duration, and scope of services to be provided under the plan.

(6) Have an investigative agent conduct investigations under section 5126.313 of the Revised Code that concern the individual;

(7) Have a service and support administrator perform the duties under division (B)(8) of section 5126.15 of the Revised Code that concern the individual.

(B) A county board shall perform its medicaid local administrative authority under this section in accordance with all of the following:

(1) All applicable federal and state laws;

(2) All applicable policies of the departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid and the United States department of health and human services;



(3) The department of medicaid's supervision under its authority as the single state medicaid agency;

(4) The department of developmental disabilities' oversight.

(C) The departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid shall communicate with and provide training to county boards regarding medicaid local administrative authority granted by this section. The communication and training shall include issues regarding audit protocols and other standards established by the United States department of health and human services that the departments determine appropriate for communication and training. County boards shall participate in the training. The departments shall assess the county board's compliance against uniform standards that the departments shall establish.

(D) A county board may not delegate its medicaid local administrative authority granted under this section but may contract with a person or government entity, including a council of governments, for assistance with its medicaid local administrative authority. A county board that enters into such a contract shall notify the director of developmental disabilities. The notice shall include the tasks and responsibilities that the contract gives to the person or government entity. The person or government entity shall comply in full with all requirements to which the county board is subject regarding the person or government entity's tasks and responsibilities under the contract. The county board remains ultimately responsible for the tasks and responsibilities.

(E) A county board that has medicaid local administrative authority under this section shall, through the departments of developmental disabilities and medicaid, reply to, and cooperate in arranging compliance with, a program or fiscal audit or program violation exception that a state or federal audit or review discovers. The department of medicaid shall timely notify the department of developmental disabilities and the county board of any adverse findings. After receiving the notice, the county board, in conjunction with the department of developmental disabilities, shall cooperate fully with the department of medicaid and timely prepare and send to the department a written plan of correction or response to the adverse findings. The county board is liable for any adverse findings that result from an action it takes or fails to take in its implementation of medicaid local administrative authority.

(F) If the department of developmental disabilities or department of medicaid determines that a



county board's implementation of its medicaid local administrative authority under this section is deficient, the department that makes the determination shall require that county board do the following:

- (1) If the deficiency affects the health, safety, or welfare of an individual with a developmental disability, correct the deficiency within twenty-four hours;

- (2) If the deficiency does not affect the health, safety, or welfare of an individual with a developmental disability, receive technical assistance from the department or submit a plan of correction to the department that is acceptable to the department within sixty days and correct the deficiency within the time required by the plan of correction.