

## TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.19.2

### **MEDICAID FIRST POLICY (Payer of Last Resort)**

#### **Purpose:**

This policy has been developed to support the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Service Funding Policy, Section 8.19 which requires the Board to provide programs, services, and supports in the most efficient and effective manner to as many eligible individuals as possible in Trumbull County.

#### **Policy:**


The Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) recognizes that State and local funding is limited. It is the position of the Board to exercise fiscal responsibility by encouraging and assisting individuals served, and their families, to access all available resources before using county tax levy dollars for needed services and supports. The Board will work to aggressively seek and secure other sources of funding in order to meet the needs of the individuals served. By reserving county tax dollars as the payment of last resort, the Board will be able to maximize the number of individuals served.

The Board is committed to working in partnership with eligible individuals and their families/guardians to promote community inclusion, individual rights, responsibilities and autonomy. By utilizing these principles, the Board will support individuals with choosing where they live, whom they live with and who provides supports within their home. The objective of this approach and any funds tied to it includes providing supports and services that advance the individuals quality of life. Through the person centered planning process, the Board will assist individuals and their families to identify available resources including, but not limited to, Medicaid waiver funding, State Medicaid plan services, and private insurance. Any identified community resource must be utilized prior to the Board utilizing county tax dollars to pay for the necessary services and supports that enable the individual to live in a safe and secure manner.

The TCBDD places the following conditions on persons receiving or seeking to receive funded services and supports solely through local tax levy monies:

1. At the time of initial determination, or subsequent redetermination, all individuals will be assessed utilizing the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) created Ohio Assessment for Immediate Need.
2. If a current need or immediate need is identified, individuals first must seek to fulfill their needs by other available methods such as natural supports, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and treatment (PSDT) or "health check", or other state plan services, IDEA, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), or other community resources.

3. Each individual identified as having a current or immediate need, based on the assessment results, which cannot be met through community resources will be placed on the waiting list for home and community-based services. When a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver becomes available and is offered, the individual must apply for Medicaid.
4. If the individual is determined ineligible for a HCBS Medicaid waiver because of the inability to obtain the appropriate level of care or to meet Medicaid eligibility requirements, local funding may be used for the cost of services in an amount not to exceed what would otherwise be the Board's required match obligation for those services. The Superintendent will have the authority to waive a portion of the cost based on individual circumstances.
5. If an immediate need is identified, the Superintendent may authorize Board funded Supported Living services or Adult Services until such time that a waiver becomes available.
6. The Superintendent will have the authority to authorize local funding for a time-limited period, not to exceed one (1) year, based upon individual circumstances.



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Board President



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Superintendent

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References:  
OAC 5123:2-9-01  
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