

TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.26

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT RATE MODIFICATION PERTAINING TO HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WAIVER FUNDING

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a systematic means to apply criteria set forth in Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-9-30 to determine if individuals require a Homemaker Personal Care (HPC) rate adjustment (commonly referred to as the behavior support add-on) due to significantly challenging and dangerous behaviors.

Definitions:

Significantly challenging behavior – behavior that requires responses above and beyond the customary means for preventing, disrupting or ceasing the occurrence of behavior.

Dangerous behavior – behavior that is likely to result in harm to others and/or to the individual engaging in the behavior.

Licensed personnel – an employee or contracted entity that possesses permission to act by a governing board or authority in a specific capacity or discipline.

Certified personnel – an employee or contracted entity that possesses a certificate issued by an accredited authority indicating that the individual or entity has met the requirements for holding such certification and has permission to act in a specific capacity or discipline.

Specialized training – training involving a specific and distinct approach or technique. This does not include basic crisis prevention / intervention techniques such as CPI, P.A.C.E.S., Mandt, C.O.P.E., etc.

Policy:

The behavior support rate modification is intended to provide funding for the implementation of behavior support plans by staff who have the level of training necessary to implement the plans and who are working under the direction of licensed or certified personnel or other professionals who have specialized training or experience implementing behavior support plans.

To qualify for the behavior support rate modification, the following requirements as set forth in Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-9-30 must be met:

- The individual has been assessed within the last twelve months to present a danger to self or others or have the potential to present a danger to self or others and

- A behavior support plan that is a component of the individual service plan has been developed in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-1-02(J) and
- The individual receives ongoing behavior support services from a licensed, certified or other specially trained professional to address the identified behavior and
- The individual either:
 - ❖ Has a response of “yes” to at least four items in question #32 of the behavior domain of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile (ODDP) or
 - ❖ Requires a structured environment that, if removed, will result in the individual’s engagement in behavior destructive to self or others.

An aversive behavior support plan, one-to-one staffing and/or 24-hour supervision in and of themselves do not constitute qualification for the rate modification.

The Trumbull County Board will develop an inventory checklist based upon the criteria as forth in OAC 5123:2-9-30 (F)(4)(a) for the individual service plan (ISP) team to utilize to determine if rate adjustment is applicable.

The rate modification will be applied if the individual service plan team agrees that all conditions are met according to the rate modification checklist.

An internal review committee will review the case and make recommendations to the Trumbull County Board Superintendent or designee in the event that the ISP team cannot reach agreement that all conditions for rate modification have been met.

The County Board Superintendent or designee has final authority to determine if the individual meets the criteria for the rate modification when the ISP team cannot reach agreement.

All behavior support plans and rate modifications must be reviewed at least annually. Review and re-assessment of the need for a behavior support plan and/or the rate modification may occur at any time during the course of the annual individual service plan. The individual or guardian may withdraw consent for behavior support at any time.

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Reference:

OAC 5123:2-9-30

OAC 5123:2-1-02(J)