



## Waiting List Fact Sheet

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### **Waiting List (WL)**

A waiting list is the County Board's way of keeping track of all the people who have a Current Need.

### **Immediate Need**

Immediate Need is a situation that creates a risk of substantial harm to an individual, caregiver, or another person if action is not taken within thirty calendar days to reduce the risk as determined by the County Board based upon assessment of the individual using the waiting list assessment tool.

### **Current Need**

Current Need is an unmet need for home and community-based services within twelve months, as determined by the County Board based upon assessment of the individual using the waiting list assessment tool.

### **How Many Waiting Lists Are There?**

County Boards will have *one* waiting list that includes *all* Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers administered by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), including the Individual Options (IO) waiver, the Level One waiver, and the Self Empowered Life Funding (SELF) waiver. Individuals' Waiting List Assessment date determines their placement on the waiting list.

### **Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver**

A waiver is a way for Medicaid to help pay for the support services individuals need to live in the community. Individuals must be eligible for Medicaid to receive a waiver. The County Job and Family Services office helps individuals determine if they are eligible for Medicaid. The County Board of Developmental Disabilities Service and Support Department determined which waiver an individual would be eligible for based on assessed needs. Meeting the criteria for Immediate Need and/or Current Need does not guarantee enrollment in a locally funded home and community-based services waiver within a specific timeframe.

### **Individual Options Waiver**

The Individual Options Medicaid Waiver is a funding source to support living in the community.

### **Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver**

The Self-Empowered Life Funding Medicaid Waiver is a participant-directed funding source to address service needs and improve flexibility and creativity for individuals and their families.

### **Level 1 Waiver**

The Level 1 Medicaid Waiver is a *limited* funding source to promote health and safety.