



#### LCBDD News & Updates!

Hello, Provider Partners! Sharing exciting news about waiver rules and billing changes with you, along with other opportunities and info.

Please let me know if you have questions.

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Provider Support

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## [CMS Officially Approves New Waiver Rules!](#)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the amendments to the Level One, Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF), and Individual Options (IO) Waivers this week.

The changes ***will be effective April 1, 2017*** and include the following:

- New adult day waiver services were added to all waivers, including Career Planning, Individual Employment Supports, and Group Employment Supports.
- Changes were made to the Adult Day Supports and Vocational Habilitation services in all waivers to include new service definitions and the availability of rate modifications when certain criteria are met. \*see next item below
- Budget limitations for adult day waiver services and Non-Medical Transportation services were increased within all waivers.
- A new Money Management service was added to the IO and Level One Waivers.
- Changes were made to the SELF Waiver that including changing the billable units for Community Inclusion – Personal Assistance from hourly units to 15-minute units, allowing this service to be billed at ratios for people who share services with others, and eliminating the \$25,000 sub-cap for adults enrolled in SELF.

See the [waiver amendments](#) or read the [approval letters](#) from CMS.

See more about [Ohio's State Transition Plan](#).

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## [Billing Changes for Adult Day and Vocational Habilitation Services](#)

From DODD:



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The purpose of this guidance is to outline billing code changes related to the modified adult day waiver services for dates of service proposed effective date, April 1, 2017.

**Billing code changes include:**

- Elimination of the day service combination code
- Addition of codes for day services provided in the community
- Units for Community Inclusion – Personal Assistance under SELF change from hour units to fifteen minute units.

**Elimination of the Adult Day/ Vocational Habilitation Combo codes**

Through the person-centered planning process, the team will identify the type and amount of each service to be authorized. Providers must always use the code that reflects the specific service delivered and will no longer bill using the combo code.

Proposed effective date, April 1, 2017 the Adult Day/ Vocational Habilitation Combo codes will no longer be a billable service (AXD, AXF, FXD, FXF, SXD, SXF). Services must be billed to reflect the specific service provided; either Adult Day or Vocational Habilitation.

- The Adult Day daily codes and the Vocational Habilitation daily codes must be used if that service is provided in the period of 5-7 hours (defined day) and the individual does not qualify for the behavioral support rate modification or medical assistance rate modification, or when a qualified provider elects not to receive the community integration rate modification.
- The service specific fifteen-minute unit code may be used to bill when the individual receives less than 5 or more than 7 hours of the service that day, when Adult Day services and Vocational Habilitation services are delivered on the same day, when the individual qualifies for the behavioral support rate modification or medical assistance rate modification, or when provider qualifies for and elects to receive the community integration rate modification.

Service	End dated billing code on 10/31/16	Active billing code after 11/1/16
Adult Day/Voc Hab Combo – Daily I/O, LV1, SELF	AXD, FXD, SXD	
Adult Day/Voc Hab Combo – 15 Minute I/O, LV1, SELF	AXF, FXF, SXF	



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Adult Day Support– Daily I/O, LV1, SELF		ADS, FDS, SDS
Adult Day Support – 15 minute I/O, LV1, SELF		ADF, FDF, SDF
Vocational Habilitation – Daily I/O, LV1, SELF		AVH, FVH, SVD
Vocational Habilitation – 15 Minute I/O, LV1, SELF		AVF, FVF, SVF

## OPERATION FEED Volunteer Opportunity

The Operation Feed Campaign will be take place in March. Operation Feed is a community-wide food drive to benefit the Licking County Food Pantry Network. This is a tremendous opportunity for all of us to give back to our community. Operation Feed generates 10% of the food and 30% of the funding (approx.) needed annually by the Network. In 2016 member agencies throughout Licking County served over 1.4 Million meals to over 330,000 people. Over 490,000 of those meals were served to children.

Information on running a campaign in your agency is attached. For more information on this and other possible volunteer opportunities, call the Food Pantry Network at (740) 344-7401 or email to [foodpantry@midohio.twcbc.com](mailto:foodpantry@midohio.twcbc.com)



Operation Feed  
Coordination

## Direct Service Professional Recognition

LCBDD Provider Relations staff wants to come to your locations to recognize and celebrate the work that Direct Support Professionals do every day! (And maybe bring some refreshments!) We can come to staff meetings or any other times that would work for your staff. Please let Angie Finck or David know available dates and times. (FYI- we will not be doing a brunch event in March.)



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## DSP Survey Opportunity

This opportunity comes via ANCOR. The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is a national, nonprofit trade association representing more than 1000 private community providers of services to people with disabilities. (<http://www.ancor.org/> )

*Hello, my name is Helen Clark and I am a student in the Spalding University School of Professional Psychology. I am currently collecting data for a study on factors that increase or protect against career fatigue in DSPs. You are invited to participate in a brief 10-minute survey. Participation in this survey is completely voluntary and confidential. You will not be asked any identifying information. Additionally, you can choose to exit the survey at any time and no data will be given to any employers. At the conclusion of the survey you can enter to win one of two \$25 Gift Cards.*

[www.questionpro.com/t/AMsDSZYQ92](http://www.questionpro.com/t/AMsDSZYQ92)

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration!

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## Special Olympics contacts

In case you know someone who is interested in participating in Special Olympics-

Licking County Special Olympics:

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