



Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice
Ohio's "Money Follows the Person" Demonstration Project
Provider Fact Sheet

Service Animals

Service Animals are animals that are trained to perform tasks for HOME Choice Demonstration Program participants that they are unable to perform for themselves. These tasks can include guiding individuals who are blind, alerting individuals who are deaf, pulling wheelchairs, protecting individuals who are having a seizure or picking up objects for individuals with a mobility impairment.

Service animals can include seeing eye dogs, hearing dogs and service monkeys. Activities related to the use of services animals includes:

- First-year cost of raising the animal;
 - Costs associated with caring for the animal during training;
 - The training of the animal and the student including transportation and room/board;
 - Equipment and supplies;
 - Animal health insurance; and
 - Transportation to veterinarian.
- Service Animal providers must be an agency that has been certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities.
 - In order to supply services as a Communication Aides Services provider, the agency must submit a HOME Choice Provider Application and Agreement. The application and provider agreement can be obtained on-line at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/ohiochoice.stm> or by calling 1-888-221-1560 after October 1, 2008.
 - In order to submit a claim for reimbursement, the Service Animal provider must be identified on the consumer's HOME Choice Demonstration Program service plan, as outlined in Ohio Revised Code (OAC) Rule 5101:3-51-04.
 - Providers must agree to meet the Conditions of Participation set forth in OAC 5101-3-51-05.

Billing Codes and Rates

Billing Code	Billing Unit	Maximum Rate	Unit Rate	Maximum Service Limit
HC008	Per item	\$8,000 for all items	N/A	Yes

This Fact Sheet provides only highlights.
 The complete HOME Choice Demonstration Program rules are available at:
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/homechoice.stm>