



Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice  
*Ohio's "Money Follows the Person" Demonstration Project*  
Information for Providers

**Frequently Asked Questions  
for Potential and Enrolled Providers for HOME Choice**

**What is HOME Choice?**

HOME Choice is a "Money Follows the Person" demonstration project funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to help Ohio transition approximately 2,200 people from long-term care facilities (also known as institutions) to home settings. The five-year demonstration project will identify and relocate Medicaid consumers who have lived for at least six months in nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for people with mental retardation or developmental disabilities or hospitals.

**What are HOME Choice's services and supports?**

They are supports that build upon existing infrastructure. In other words, HOME Choice participants will enroll in one of Ohio's **existing** home and community-based services (HCBS) **waivers** or receive **State Plan Medicaid** services.

**There are three categories of services available to HOME Choice recipients:**

1. Qualified services (existing HCBS waiver and State Plan Medicaid services)
2. Demonstration services
  - a. Community transition services:
    - Goods and services that assist with a successful transition to the community (up to \$2000 available per person)
  - b. Independent living skills training, such as:
    - Financial management skills
    - Social skills development
    - Health management skills
    - Home management skills
    - Personal skills
    - Community living skills
  - c. Community support coach
  - d. HOME Choice nursing
  - e. Social work/counseling
  - f. Nutritional counseling
3. Supplemental services
  - a. Communication aids:
    - Augmentative communication devices or systems



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- Computers or computer equipment
  - Other mechanical and electronic devices
  - Cable and Internet access
  - Cost of installation, repair, maintenance and support of any covered communication aid.
- b. Service aids
- c. Transition coordination

**Who can provide HOME Choice services?**

Many HOME Choice services can be provided by an organization or an individual although some services are limited to organizations only. Providers may include nurses, social workers/counselors, community support coaches, nutritional counselors, independent living skills trainers, medical equipment providers, and adaptive/assistive equipment services providers. Fact sheets with provider qualifications, specifications and reimbursement rates are available on-line at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/homechoice.stm>. Potential providers that do not have Internet access can contact the HOME Choice Demonstration Program at (888) 221-1560 after October 1, 2008.

**Can current Medicaid providers provide HOME Choice services?**

No. All providers for HOME Choice must apply and enroll directly through the HOME Choice Demonstration Program to provide services for that program even if they are currently Medicaid providers.

The HOME Choice provider application form is easy to complete. Provider fact sheets, the enrollment packet and additional program materials are available on-line at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/homechoice.stm>. Potential providers that don't have Internet access can contact the HOME Choice Demonstration Project at (888) 221-1560 after October 1, 2008.

**What happens after I submit my provider application to HOME Choice?**

The HOME Choice Demonstration Program staff will process all applications to make sure that the provider meets the necessary qualifications and specifications. The HOME Choice Provider Enrollment Team intends to review and make decisions on applications within five business days.



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When providers have been approved, they receive a welcome packet and notification from the HOME Choice Demonstration Program. This notification will include the provider's HOME Choice Provider identification (ID) number, which must be used on all requests for reimbursement. Also, upon approval, providers' information will be added to a list of active HOME Choice providers for case managers and transition coordinators to use to arrange for services for consumers.

**Will my Medicaid provider number be the same number that I will use to bill HOME Choice services?**

No. You will be assigned a separate and unique HOME Choice Provider Identification Number.

**How long will my HOME Choice provider agreement be active?**

All HOME Choice provider agreements will remain active until September 30, 2012. However, the provider or the HOME Choice Demonstration Program may cancel an agreement upon written notice to the other party no less than 30 days prior to the termination date.

**Can HOME Choice providers provide Medicaid services?**

No. The HOME Choice Demonstration Program is not a Medicaid program. Enrollment as a HOME Choice provider is separate from providing medical assistance services through the Ohio Medicaid Program. If you wish to provide Medicaid services, you will need to file a separate application and receive a Medicaid provider number in order to be a Medicaid provider.

**How much will HOME Choice providers be reimbursed for services?**

Each HOME Choice service has a different reimbursement rate. Reimbursement rates are listed on the Provider Fact Sheets at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/homechoice.stm>.



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**How will HOME Choice providers be reimbursed for their services?**

The HOME Choice Demonstration Program has entered into a contract with JEVS Human Services to coordinate financial management services for the HOME Choice Demonstration Program. HOME Choice providers will work directly with JEVS Human Services to submit claims and to arrange for reimbursement. JEVS Human Services will process claims twice a month. Contact information about JEVS Human Services will be included in the provider's welcome packet.

In order for providers to be reimbursed for services, they must be identified on the HOME Choice consumer's **HOME Choice Demonstration and Supplemental Service Plan**.

**How do I know that I am authorized to provide services to a consumer?**

If a consumer selects you to provide one of the Home Choice Demonstration services, the consumer's Case Manager will notify you and will authorize you on the HOME Choice Demonstration Service Plan.

**Will the consumer have a HOME Choice Demonstration and Supplemental Service Plan if they are enrolled on one of the Ohio Home and Community Services waiver programs?**

Yes. All consumers will have a HOME Choice Demonstration and Supplemental Service Plan in addition to their All Services Plan or Individualized Service Plan.

**Do I submit claims the same way I submit claims for Medicaid reimbursement?**

No. Reimbursement for HOME Choice Demonstration Services claims is a different claims process than the one used for Medicaid reimbursement. If you are a current Medicaid provider with a Medicaid provider number, you cannot use it to submit claims for HOME Choice Demonstration Program services. *Please be sure to use your HOME Choice Provider ID number for all HOME Choice reimbursement claims.*

**How does a HOME Choice provider find consumers?**

Providers do not have to look for consumers because the consumers' case managers and transition coordinators will find providers for them. As providers are enrolled, a listing of available providers will be posted on the Internet and through other directories. The



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case managers and/or transition coordinators will work with the consumers to select a provider.