

Sec. 5111.89. (A) As used in sections 5111.89 to 5111.893 of the Revised Code:

"Assisted living program" means the medicaid waiver component for which the director of job and family services is authorized by this section to request a medicaid waiver.

"Assisted living services" means the following home and community-based services: personal care, homemaker, chore, attendant care, companion, medication oversight, and therapeutic social and recreational programming.

"County or district home" means a county or district home operated under Chapter 5155. of the Revised Code.

"Medicaid waiver component" has the same meaning as in section 5111.85 of the Revised Code.

"Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 5111.20 of the Revised Code.

"Residential care facility" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of job and family services may submit a request to the United States secretary of health and human services under 42 U.S.C. 1396n to obtain a waiver of federal medicaid requirements that would otherwise be violated in the creation and implementation of a program under which assisted living services are provided to not more than one thousand eight hundred individuals who meet the program's eligibility requirements established under section 5111.891 of the Revised Code.

If the secretary approves the medicaid waiver requested under this section and the director of budget and management approves the contract, the department of job and family services shall enter into a contract with the department of aging under section 5111.91 of the Revised Code that provides for the department of aging to administer the assisted living program. The contract shall include an estimate of the program's costs.

The director of job and family services may adopt rules under section 5111.85 of the Revised Code regarding the assisted living program. The director of aging may adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code regarding the program that the rules adopted by the director of job and family services authorize the director of aging to adopt.

Sec. 5111.891. To be eligible for the assisted living program, an individual must meet all of the following requirements:

(A) Need an intermediate level of care as determined under rule 5101:3-3-06 of the Administrative Code;

(B) At the time the individual applies for the assisted living program, be one of the following:

(1) A nursing facility resident who is seeking to move to a residential care facility and would remain in a nursing facility for long term care if not for the assisted living program;

(2) A participant of any of the following medicaid waiver components who would move to a nursing facility if not for the assisted living program:

(a) The PASSPORT program created under section 173.40 of the Revised Code;

(b) The medicaid waiver component called the choices program that the department of aging administers;

(c) A medicaid waiver component that the department of job and family services administers.

(C) At the time the individual receives assisted living services under the assisted living program, reside in a residential care facility, including both of the following:

(1) A residential care facility that is owned or operated by a metropolitan housing authority that has a contract with the United States department of housing and urban development to receive an operating subsidy or rental assistance for the residents of the facility;

(2) A county or district home licensed as a residential care facility.

(D) Meet all other eligibility requirements for the assisted living program established in rules adopted under section 5111.85 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5111.892. A residential care facility providing services covered by the assisted living program to an individual enrolled in the program shall have staff on-site twenty-four hours each day who are able to do all of the following:

(A) Meet the scheduled and unpredicted needs of the individuals enrolled in the assisted living program in a manner that promotes the individuals' dignity and independence;

(B) Provide supervision services for those individuals;

(C) Help keep the individuals safe and secure.

Sec. 5111.893. If the United States secretary of health and human services approves a medicaid waiver authorizing the assisted living program, the director of aging shall contract with a person or government entity to evaluate the program's cost effectiveness. The director shall provide the results of the evaluation to the governor, president and minority leader of the senate, and speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives not later than June 30, 2007.