

Creating a unified budget for long-term services and supports

Purpose

To develop a *comprehensive, flexible* and *transparent* process for effective and efficient budgeting and service delivery that:

- Encompasses both facility-based and home- and community-based long-term services and supports
- Is based on consumer choice and differing levels of service need
- Includes a seamless array of service delivery options
- Features a consolidated policymaking and budget authority to simplify decision making and maximize the state's flexibility

Outcomes

- A comprehensive strategy for how Ohio will provide long-term services and supports.
- A balanced system of long-term services and supports based on consumer choice. Medicaid spending for long-term services and supports will reflect a better balance between facility-based and home and community based services.
- Policymaking authority and associated budgets will be consolidated within a single entity to simplify the consumer's decision making and maximize the state's flexibility in meeting the consumer's needs.
- Transparent budget for long-term services and supports for policymakers.
- A seamless array of service delivery options.
- Consumers are satisfied with the services they receive and experience a higher quality of life.
- Ohioans are encouraged to plan ahead for future service and support needs as well as be better prepared to make informed decisions about their options.
- A cost-effective system that links disparate services across agencies and jurisdictions.
- Consistency in the rate setting process.
- Accurate expenditure forecasts for long-term services and supports in future years.