

**Unified Long-Term Care Systems Workgroup
Eligibility Subcommittee
July 9, 2010 - 1:00PM – 3:00PM
Lazarus Building, 50 W. Town Street, 5th Floor**

MEETING NOTES

Continued work with recommendations – Rick Tully

- Rick asked the group if work could continue on development/ refinement of the following two measures and the group agreed to do so:
 - Recommendations #46 (*eliminating the F/F interview requirements for ABD applicants/ recipients*); and
 - Recommendation #51 (*workgroup on eligibility processing*).

ODJFS - Sandra Park

- Recommendation #28 (*online application*)
 - May not be implemented until late October, 2010.
- Recommendation #46 (*Eliminate Face to Face Interview Requirement for Initial Applications for Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD) Medicaid Benefits*)
 - No further research is needed, rather going into pre-implementation stages to further refine this recommendation.
- Recommendation #54.7 (*Not counting judgments*)
 - This is a Federal mandate when considering all income. Sandra is going to check with other 209b states to see if there is any flexibility.

ODA - Eric Miller

- Recommendation #72.1 (*expanding Assisted Living program eligibility*)
 - This would require a change in rule.
- Recommendation #54.3 (*allowing retroactive Medicaid eligibility*)
 - ODA has no plans to consider this at this time.
- Recommendations #46 & #51
 - Eric wanted clarification from Carol Ruff, on behalf of the Ohio Assisted Living Association, indicating that she would be willing to rescind the association's recommendations that mirror #46 and #51.

PNA Presentation - Jeff Corzine

- Jeff Corzine provided the group with materials on possible options to consider with the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA).
 - Three handouts were issued:
 - 1) the PNA policy in ODJFS' Medicaid Eligibility Manual;
 - 2) a memo issued by ODJFS on proper stewardship of residents' PNA; and
 - 3) a one page sheet summarizing possible options with the PNA.

The meeting allowed the group to devote a considerable amount of time reviewing a series of 12 points outlined as possible options.

The group provided feedback and it seemed that the impact on each would somehow either have a budgetary implication, a policy implication either internal (*rule change via ODJFS*) or an external one (*change in practice/ via financial institutions or for NF's to do/ assist with*). The workgroup identified the five (5) items in Next Steps below as recommendation items to further explore/develop.

Next Steps: Jeff is to revise a handout on possible options and then share with LaTosha Still, so that she can in-turn share with Beverly Laubert. The issues of focus resulting from the discussion are the following:

- Limiting fees on PNA accounts (*the OCHA representative will develop information on this issue*)
- Increased oversight of PNA account management
- Disregard of cash gifts up to the PNA maximum value
- Adjust resource limits to the Consumer Price Index.
- Need to identify if the difference between the cost of a requested service item is less than the “comparable cost” item supplied by the facility (*Beverly Laubert will be consulted about this*)

- Adjourn at 3:00PM