

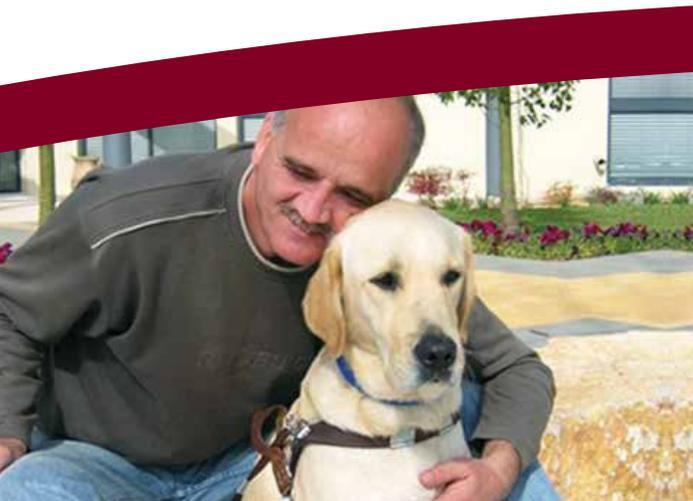
What is RSS?

Residential State Supplement (RSS) is Ohio's Optional State Supplementation program. It provides financial assistance to adults with disabilities who wish to live in the community. People who enroll in RSS have increased needs due to a disability that is not severe enough to require long-term care in an institution, such as a nursing home or hospital. They use RSS, which supplements their income, to pay for Accommodations, Supervision and Personal Care Services in eligible living arrangements in the community.

RSS is one of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Community Transitions programs that provide resources to individuals by supporting person-driven transitions to integrated community settings and facilitating collaboration among local providers who individuals choose to be part of their recovery process.



FIND MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT RSS AT
<http://mha.ohio.gov/RSS>



When should I contact OhioMHAS?

- Contact OhioMHAS before you move to a new residence to confirm whether you will be living in an eligible living arrangement and continue receiving RSS or to choose to disenroll from the program;
- if you are admitted to a nursing home or hospital, contact OhioMHAS about Bed Hold status. If you plan to return to your residence, you may continue receiving RSS benefits for up to 90 days so you can pay the allowable fee to the living arrangement and return once you leave the nursing home or hospital).
- If you think your resident rights are being violated, including if you have questions whether you are being overcharged by the community residence, contact OhioMHAS.

Contact OhioMHAS Community Transitions
via phone at **(614) 752-9316**
or email at RSS@mha.ohio.gov

When should I contact my local CDJFS office?

You should contact the County Department of Job & Family Services (CDJFS) office:

- Within ten (10) days of any changes of status, including if you are planning to move, have changes in income, or have updated information about your Representative Payee or Legal Guardian.*
- When you have questions about your financial eligibility for RSS, including changes in income and the amount of your RSS benefit; and
- if you want to have RSS payments direct-deposited into your or your Representative Payee's bank account.

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WELCOME TO THE Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program

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live in the community



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What should I expect now that I am enrolled in RSS?

OhioMHAS is responsible for administering RSS and determining non-financial eligibility for the program. OhioMHAS collaborates with County Department of Job & Family Services (CDJFS) offices statewide, which are responsible for determining ongoing financial eligibility for RSS.

Once you are enrolled in RSS, you should receive your first RSS benefit within one month of moving into your eligible living arrangement. You or your Representative Payee will receive the RSS benefit monthly, either by a mailed check or direct deposit into your bank account. Please contact your local CDJFS office to make arrangements for direct deposit/electronic funds transfers.

If you or your Representative Payee do not receive your RSS benefit as expected, please contact your local CDJFS office directly to confirm your mailing address or bank account information.

What are my responsibilities to remain in the program?

- You must choose an eligible living arrangement in the community to remain enrolled in RSS.
- Contact the CDJFS office within ten (10) days of any changes of status, including changes in address or income, or have updated information about your Representative Payee or Legal Guardian.*
- You should provide OhioMHAS or your local CDJFS office any requested information to determine continued RSS eligibility.

* This list includes, but is not limited to those items stated.



What are the Home Operator's responsibilities?*

- The operator must accept the Allowable Fee as payment in full for Accommodations, Supervision and Personal Care Services, and provide those services to all individuals residing in the facility.
- Provide a Resident Agreement, which should include any possible fees for additional services the residence may offer. *The Resident Agreement should be reviewed and agreed to in writing by you or your Legal Guardian before you move into the facility.*
- if serving an individual with mental illness, the operator should work with the local mental health provider to develop a Mental Health Plan for Care.

What is my Allowable Fee (or "rent")?

The Allowable Fee is what you pay the home operator monthly by combining the RSS benefit with your income, such as Social Security, SSI or SSDI.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Allowable Fee that home operators may charge residents with RSS is \$1,100 per month.

(Prior to Jan, 1, 2016, monthly Allowable Fee rates were \$877 for Adult Group Homes and Residential Care Facilities and \$774 for Adult Foster and Family Homes.)

The Allowable Fee is the same for all RSS-eligible living arrangements and includes Accommodations, Supervision and Personal Care Services.

What if I am no longer enrolled in RSS and I still receive a payment?

You or your Representative Payee are responsible for returning any RSS funds received following your date of disenrollment or when you move from an eligible living arrangement.

If you have already deposited or redeemed the RSS benefit(s), please return the funds via check or money order written as payable to "Ohio Treasurer of State." In the memo portion of the check, include your full name, Social Security Number, dates of the time period for which the returned RSS payment covers, e.g., December 15, 2015 – January 31, 2016.

If you have not deposited or redeemed the RSS benefit(s), please return the RSS checks to the address listed below.

Mail the returned RSS funds or check(s) to:

ODJFS/Office of Fiscal Services
P.O. Box 182367
Columbus, OH 43218-2367