Community Transitions,
Bureau of Recovery Supports

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The goal of Community Transitions is to 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.
Community Transitions Programs

• Residential State Supplement (RSS)
  • RSS Verification Process
• Recovery Requires a Community
I. Residential State Supplement (RSS)

- Financial assistance for adults with low incomes
- Have disabilities or are at least age 60, but do not require LTC
- Accommodations, Supervision & Personal Care Services in eligible living arrangements, i.e. Class Two Residential Facilities (formerly Adult Care Facilities)
- FY20 budget is $16 Million, approximately 2,400 individuals enrolled statewide
RSS Eligibility Criteria

• **Non-Financial** (determined by OhioMHAS)
  • Age 18 or older;
  • Eligible or enrolled in Medicaid (not a waiver);
  • Currently receiving Social Security, SSI, or SSDI;
  • Needs at least a Protective LOC (presumed if applying from a NF); and
  • Residing in Eligible Living Arrangement.

• **Financial** (determined by County Dept of Job & Family Services)
  • Monthly income up to $1,300
  • Assets up to $2,000
RSS Application Process

OhioMHAS
1) Receives applications & reviews non-financial eligibility criteria
2) Refers for LOC assessment (if applicable)

AAA
1) Completes LOC assessment
2) Notifies OhioMHAS of LOC determination

CDJFS
1) Receives referral from OhioMHAS
2) Reviews financial eligibility & authorizes benefit
What is included in the Allowable Fee?

- **Accommodations**: Housing, meals & snacks, laundry, housekeeping, arranging transportation, social & recreational activities, maintenance, security, and similar services

- **Supervision**: Ensuring health, safety, and welfare of residents during Activities of Daily Living (ADL’s) or other activities; reminders of self-care; assisting with making & keeping appointments

- **Personal Care Services**: Assisting with ADL’s and self-administration of medications, preparing special diets
How much may an individual enrolled in RSS be charged?
$1,100 per month

How is the RSS benefit amount calculated?

$1,300  Financial Need Standard
- 200  Personal Needs Allowance
$1,100  Allowable Fee
II. What is the RSS Verification Process?

- *Ohio Administrative Code 5122-36-04 (Responsibilities of the RSS Living Arrangement)* revised effective July 1, 2017

- Increase program accountability and verify individuals residing in eligible living arrangements and current whereabouts

- Respond to and cooperate with OhioMHAS quarterly RSS resident verification surveys
How do I complete the RSS Verification Process?

• Only applicable if facility has residents enrolled in RSS

• Complete Living Arrangement Form on a quarterly basis
  • MHAS mails the form directly to each facility
  • One form per facility; pre-populated with individuals’ names based upon MHAS records

• Return Living Arrangement Form to OhioMHAS via encrypted email RSSverify@mha.ohio.gov or fax (614) 485-9747
III. Recovery Requires a Community

- Helps individuals diagnosed with mental health or substance use disorders by providing financial assistance for transitioning from nursing facilities (nursing homes) to sustainable community living.
Recovery Requires a Community Eligibility Criteria

• Currently receiving treatment in a nursing home and wishes to transition to the community;

• Enrolled in Medicaid, NOT Medicaid pending;

• Have a behavioral health diagnosis (includes mental illness and substance use disorders);

• Have sufficient income or the means to sustain community living at time of transition; and

• Have needs that can be safely met through the Recovery program or a combination of community resources
Recovery Requires a Community Assistance Categories

Funds can be used in many ways to help individuals transition to the community when no other funding sources are available. Examples include:
Recovery Requires a Community Award Process

OhioMHAS
1) Receives application forms & reviews eligibility criteria
2) Determines award approval and amount of funding

Facility Operator
1) Submits forms for reimbursement to Morning Sun (financial management agency)

Morning Sun Financial Services
1) Sends award funds to Facility Operator
Questions?

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OhioMHAS Contact Information

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