



HCBS Settings

Home and Community-Based Services

What is Home and Community-Based Services?

Home and community-based services (HCBS) allow Ohioans covered by Medicaid to obtain healthcare services and support in their own home or community instead of a nursing home, hospital, or other long-term care facility. Each program gives individuals control over their care while remaining in their communities.

Who is Subject to HCBS?

Ohio has two Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) operated waiver programs for older adults and people who have disabilities who meet a nursing facility level of care:

- Assisted Living serves people aged 21 and older who live in an ODA certified licensed residential care facility.
 - OAC Chapter 5160-33
- PASSPORT serves people aged 60 and older and people with physical disabilities. Services are provided in the home instead of a nursing home.
 - OAC Chapter 5160-31

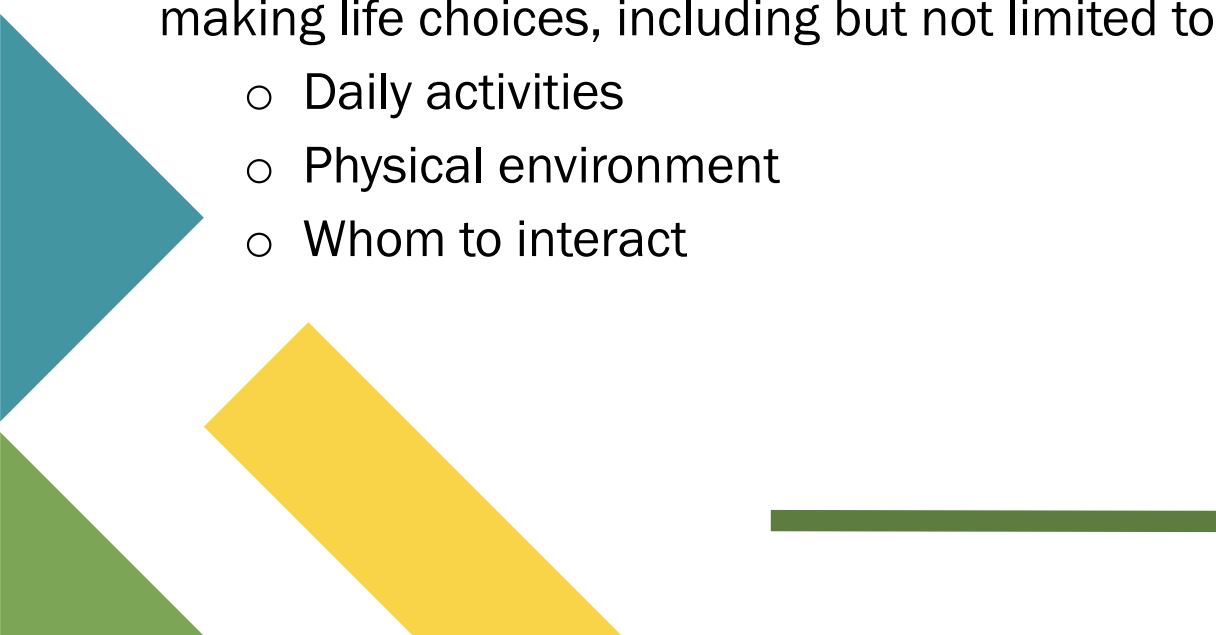
What does this mean?

Home and Community-Based Settings Rule Overview

PASSPORT and Assisted Living Requirements

HCBS settings must have all of the following qualities, based on the needs of individuals as indicated in their person-centered service plans:

- The setting is integrated in and supports full access of individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS to the greater community, including:
 - Opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive, integrated settings
 - Engage in community life
 - Control personal resources
 - Receive services in the community to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS
- The setting facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.

- The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options including non-disability-specific settings and an option for a private unit in a residential setting. The setting options are identified and documented in the person-centered service plan and are based on:
 - The individual's needs
 - The individual's preferences
 - And for residential settings, resources available for room and board
 - The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.
 - The setting optimizes, but does not regiment, individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices, including but not limited to:
 - Daily activities
 - Physical environment
 - Whom to interact
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Additional Assisted Living Requirements

In a provider-owned or controlled residential setting, in addition to the qualities specified on the previous slides, the following conditions also apply:

- The unit or dwelling is a specific physical place that can be owned, rented, or occupied under a legally enforceable agreement by the individual receiving services, and the individual has, at a minimum, the same responsibilities and protections from eviction that tenants have under the landlord/tenant law of the State, county, city, or other designated entity.
 - Each individual has privacy in their sleeping or living unit:
 - Units have entrance doors lockable by the individual, with only appropriate staff having keys to doors.
 - Individuals sharing units have a choice of roommates in that setting.
 - Individuals have the freedom to furnish and decorate their sleeping or living units within the lease or other agreement.
 - Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own schedules and activities, and have access to food at any time.
 - Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.
 - The setting is physically accessible to the individual.
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What is a person-centered services plan?

The person-centered services plan describes the person-centered goals, objectives and interventions selected by the individual and team to support him or her in his or her community of choice. The plan addresses the assessed needs of the individual by identifying medically-necessary services and supports provided by natural supports, medical and professional staff and community resources

The person-centered services plan contains documentation that any modification of the additional conditions for provider-owned or controlled residential settings set forth in rule 5160-44-01 of the Administrative Code must be supported by a specific assessed need and justified in the person-centered services plan.

The Area Agency on Aging case manager will work with the individual on their person-center services plan and share their plan with provider agencies/facilities.

HCBS Resources

ODA HCBS Settings Trainings

- [HCBS Settings Overview \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [HCBS Settings Criteria and Modifications \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [Care Coordination Role in Home and Community Based Service Settings \(youtube.com\)](#)

Ohio Department of Medicaid has enhanced several webpages on the Ohio Medicaid website related to home- and community-based services (HCBS) to combine resources and overall improve your experience with the website. As part of this effort, certain HCBS webpages have been updated, while others have been replaced with webpages that include more comprehensive information. Please visit [HCBS in Ohio: Information for Individuals and Providers](#) to explore the new layout and access any HCBS materials you may need.

Ohio Revised Code (OAC) Rule References:

OAC 5160-44-01

Nursing facility-based level of care home and community-based services programs: person-centered planning.

OAC 5160-44-02

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