

# Clarification Regarding New Qualification Requirements for Agencies That Want to Enroll to Provide Residential Services

## ODP Announcement 24-008

### AUDIENCE:

- Agencies that would like to enroll to provide Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living through the Consolidated or Community Living Waivers
- Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs)
- Administrative Entities (AEs)
- Other interested parties

### PURPOSE:

To communicate clarification regarding new residential qualification requirements in waiver amendments effective November 1, 2023, including the release of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.

### DISCUSSION:

The Consolidated and Community Living Waivers effective November 1, 2023, contain the following qualification requirement for agencies that want to enroll to provide Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living services through the waivers:

*Agencies must have actively provided direct non-residential Home and Community-Based Services as a provider enrolled to provide ODP Waiver services for the two years prior to*

*enrolling to provide Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living and be in good standing (not subject to sanctions or enforcement actions by the Department).*

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) has received a number of questions from stakeholders regarding this requirement. To address these questions, this communication provides the following clarification about the new qualification standard:

*To meet the standard of actively providing direct non-residential services, providers are required to render direct non-residential services to at least 10 individuals every month for a continuous period of 24 months immediately preceding a new qualification/enrollment of a residential service.*

*The provider must have no sanctions or enforcement actions during the 24-month period.*

To verify the active delivery of services, the Assigned AE will review the provider's data for the preceding two years. If there were billing issues during this time, additional documentation (such as service notes) can be submitted to substantiate that the provider meets the requirement.

**NOTE:** The two years of experience applies to the agency as a whole and not to individual users or staff in actively rendering ODP Waiver non-residential services.

Additionally, ODP has attached a Frequently Asked Question document to provide additional clarification about this new provider qualification requirement.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Attachment A - Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Qualification Requirements for Agencies That Want to Enroll To Provide Residential Services

**COMMENT:**

Questions or comments can be directed to the Provider Qualification mailbox at [radpproviderqualif@pa.gov](mailto:radpproviderqualif@pa.gov).