



Updated Enrollment Process for Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, and Supported Living Services Beginning January 1, 2025

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AUDIENCE:

- Provider Applicants of Services under the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Intellectual Disability and/or Autism (ID/A) Consolidated, Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS), Community Living Waivers
- Administrative Entities (AEs)
- All other interested stakeholders

PURPOSE:

This announcement is intended to inform potential providers and stakeholders of changes to the enrollment process for Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, and Supported Living services under the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP).

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs is announcing a change to the enrollment process for new providers seeking to offer Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living services.

Agencies that are not enrolled and qualified to provide Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living services in the Consolidated or Community Living Waivers by December 31, 2024, will not be eligible to provide residential services. Effective January 1, 2025, enrollment for new providers of these services is closed.

Performance-Based Contracting (PBC) and Current Provider Eligibility

Effective January 1, 2025, ODP's 1915(b)(4) waiver allows ODP to implement PBC for Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, and Supported Living services funded by the Consolidated and Community Living Waivers. Per the 1915(b)(4) waiver, only current providers may participate in PBC. A "current provider" is a provider that is enrolled with ODP to render Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living services as of January 1, 2025. Entities who seek to render a residential service on or after January 1, 2025, will only be enrolled through a competitive Request for Application (RFA) process and the RFA process will only commence when ODP determines that there is a need for new or additional Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living providers.

Providers enrolled and qualified to offer residential services by December 31, 2024, will undergo tier determination in February-March 2025 as part of ODP's 1915(b)(4) waiver initiative.

Guidance for Administrative Entities (AEs):

If an entity that is not a "current provider" seeks to render Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living, the AE will:

- Inform the entity that provider applications for these services are not being accepted at this time.
- Encourage the entity to enroll as a provider of non-residential services if they have not already done so, reminding them that 2 years' experience providing non-residential services is also a condition for enrollment as a residential provider.
- Remind the entity to join ODP's communication distribution listservs to stay informed about any forthcoming RFAs.

If a provider is already qualified to provide Residential Habilitation, Life Sharing, or Supported Living, the provider may add additional residential services through the existing qualification process.

AEs may contact the applicable ODP Regional Office with any questions.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact the Provider Qualification mailbox at ra-odpproviderqualif@pa.gov.