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MEDICAID PRO BONO PROGRAM

What is the Medicaid Pro Bono Program?

Disability Rights Ohio receives many calls from people across the state after their Medicaid insurance denies their requests for services or equipment and they find themselves entangled in the very complicated Medicaid appeals process. In an effort to help more people get the services or equipment they need, Disability Rights Ohio has developed partnerships with Nationwide Insurance and McDonald Hopkins, LLC, to connect people with volunteer attorneys and paralegals who provide free legal representation in certain Medicaid appeal cases. Disability Rights Ohio works collaboratively with the Nationwide and McDonald Hopkins volunteer teams to screen and refer eligible clients and provide training, case preparation and ongoing support to the volunteers.

What type of cases can be referred through the program?

Disability Rights Ohio can refer cases when an individual has a disability and has an issue that is appropriate to appeal through the Medicaid state hearing process, such as:

- a denial of eligibility for a specific program, including:
 - Medicaid waivers (such as Ohio Home Care, Individual Options)
 - The waiting list for Medicaid waivers and/or waiting list assessment determinations
 - The Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities program
- a denial of or reduction in services, such as:
 - Assistive Technology (AT) or Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
 - Home modifications
 - Nursing or aide services
 - Therapy services (such as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), occupational, physical, and speech/language services)
 - Medicaid waiver services

What parts of Ohio are eligible to use the program?

The Medicaid Pro Bono Program is currently limited to certain parts of Ohio. To be eligible for a referral, the individual must live in one of the following counties: Ashland, Ashtabula, Champaign, Clark, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Geauga, Greene, Hardin, Hocking, Huron, Knox, Lake, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Portage, Ross, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Union or Wayne.



If I am eligible for the program, will an attorney definitely represent me?

No. Disability Rights Ohio cannot guarantee that a volunteer will be available and able to take a case.

Where can I get more information?

Individuals who want to learn more about the Medicaid Pro Bono Program are encouraged to contact Disability Rights Ohio at 800-282-9181 and select option 2 for intake.