

Ohio Department of Aging				Main Operating Appropriations Bill H.B. 96			
Executive		As Passed By House		As Passed By Senate		As Reported By Conference Committee	
AGECD4	Electronic visit verification - home care services						
R.C.	121.36	R.C.	121.36	R.C.	121.36	R.C.	121.36
Exempts providers utilizing electronic visit verification systems from the law requiring providers under contract with the ODA, ODODD, ODJFS, and ODH to satisfy certain conditions (e.g. procedures for maintaining certain records and procedures for conducting a random check of 5% of home care visits) when adopting a system to monitor the delivery of home care services by their employees.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Eliminates the law requiring the departments above to study and submit a report addressing how self-employed providers, who are exempt under current law from the requirement to adopt a monitoring system, may be made subject to that requirement by September 27, 2005.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: If the provision leads to a reduction in provider administrative costs, this might eventually result in a decrease in reimbursements provided by these departments.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	

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AGECD5	Criminal records checks						
R.C.	173.38, 173.381	R.C.	173.38, 173.381	R.C.	173.38, 173.381	R.C.	173.38, 173.381
Revises the law governing criminal records checks for persons applying for, or employed in, direct-care positions with community-based long-term care services providers whose services are provided under ODA-administered programs as follows:		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive, with the following changes:		Same as the Senate.	
(1) Excludes attorneys, persons acting at the direction of attorneys, and participant-directed providers from having to complete criminal records checks under this particular law (attorneys undergo such checks as part of their admissions to the Ohio bar);		(1) Same as the Executive.		(1) Same as the Executive, but also excludes ambulette drivers from the records check requirement and, for participant-directed providers, requires the ODA Director to have conducted a database review regarding their background.		(1) Same as the Senate.	
(2) Eliminates a consumer meeting certain conditions from the law's responsible party definition (current law prohibits a responsible party from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee if the records check demonstrates that the applicant or employee is ineligible for employment);		(2) Same as the Executive.		(2) Same as the Executive.		(2) Same as the Executive.	
Excludes ambulette drivers, attorneys, and persons acting at the direction of attorneys from the law governing ODA sanctions to be imposed against self-employed providers, based on criminal records check results, when considering certificates to provide community-based long-term care services and ODA contracts and grants for such services.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: None.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	

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AGECD1	Provider certification						
R.C.	173.391	R.C.	173.391	R.C.	173.391	R.C.	173.391
Revises the law governing ODA's certification of providers of services under ODA-administered programs:		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
(1) Authorizes ODA to send notices regarding disciplinary actions or refusals to certify providers by electronic mail;		(1) Same as the Executive.		(1) Same as the Executive.		(1) Same as the Executive.	
(2) Describes a provider agreement as one that a provider may enter into, or renew, with: ODA or a PASSPORT administrative agency;		(2) Same as the Executive.		(2) Same as the Executive.		(2) Same as the Executive.	
(3) Includes a direct care provider in the law permitting ODA not to hold a hearing when it denies, suspends, or revokes a provider certification because a principal owner or manager of the provider has entered a guilty plea for, been convicted of, or has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense;		(3) Same as the Executive.		(3) Same as the Executive.		(3) Same as the Executive.	
(4) Revises one of the disciplinary actions that permits ODA to take against a certified provider, by specifying that the action requires submission of both of the following to ODA (rather than only one of the following as under current law): a plan of correction and evidence of compliance with requirements identified.		(4) Same as the Executive.		(4) Same as the Executive.		(4) Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: Minimal.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	

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AGECD14 PACE site expansion proposals			
	R.C. 173.502		
No provision.	Requires ODA to issue a request for proposals from any entity interested in becoming a PACE organization in any currently unserved Ohio county. Fiscal effect: Administrative costs to process proposals and an increase in PACE costs depending on how many proposals are accepted. PACE services are paid by ODM.	No provision.	No provision.
AGECD13 PACE presumptive eligibility			
	R.C. 173.503, 173.50		R.C. 173.503, 173.50
No provision.	Requires ODA to seek approval to allow the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to receive PACE services immediately upon applying, during a presumptive eligibility period.	No provision.	Same as the House.
No provision.	States that, if the applicant is later determined to be ineligible for PACE, the PACE organization that made the presumptive eligibility determination is responsible for the costs of PACE services provided to the individual during the presumptive eligibility period. Fiscal effect: May result in some individuals receiving PACE services earlier than they otherwise would have. The PACE organization is responsible for services provided to those deemed ineligible.	No provision.	Same as the House. Fiscal effect: Same as the House.

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AGECD2	PASSPORT personal care aide and home health aide training						
R.C.	173.525	R.C.	173.525	R.C.	173.525	R.C.	173.525
Eliminates the law prohibiting ODA from requiring a PASSPORT home health aide to complete more hours of pre-service training or annual in-service training than is required by federal law.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Extends that prohibition to PASSPORT program personal care aides, by prohibiting ODA from requiring such an aide to complete more pre-service and annual in-service training hours than federal law requires.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: None.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	
AGECD3	PASSPORT aide supervision						
R.C.	173.525	R.C.	173.525	R.C.	173.525	R.C.	173.525
Revises the law limiting the supervision of PASSPORT home health and personal care aides to registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) under the direction of RNs as follows:		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
(1) Removes the law's references to home health aides; and		(1) Same as the Executive.		(1) Same as the Executive.		(1) Same as the Executive.	
(2) Allows LPNs to supervise under the direction of chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, physicians, physician assistants, and podiatrists, in addition to RNs.		(2) Same as the Executive.		(2) Same as the Executive.		(2) Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: None.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	

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AGECD6	Nursing home administrators license fee increase						
R.C.	4751.20, 4751.24, 4752.25	R.C.	4751.20, 4751.24, 4752.25	R.C.	4751.20, 4751.24, 4752.25	R.C.	4751.20, 4751.24, 4752.25
Increases the fees paid to the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports as follows:		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
(1) Nursing home administrator license application, from \$100 to \$250;		(1) Same as the Executive.		(1) Same as the Executive.		(1) Same as the Executive.	
(2) Nursing home administrator resident application, from \$50 to \$250;		(2) Same as the Executive.		(2) Same as the Executive.		(2) Same as the Executive.	
(3) Nursing home administrator initial license, from \$250 to \$800;		(3) Same as the Executive.		(3) Same as the Executive.		(3) Same as the Executive.	
(4) Nursing home administrator biennial license renewal, from \$600 to \$800;		(4) Same as the Executive.		(4) Same as the Executive.		(4) Same as the Executive.	
(5) Nursing home administrator license reinstatement, from \$300 to \$800;		(5) Same as the Executive.		(5) Same as the Executive.		(5) Same as the Executive.	
(6) Health services executive annual license renewal, from \$50 to \$100.		(6) Same as the Executive.		(6) Same as the Executive.		(6) Same as the Executive.	
Establishes the fee for a temporary nursing home administrator license, available beginning on January 1, 2025, at \$350.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Changes the term "administrator in training" to "administrator resident."		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: Increased fee revenue of approximately \$289,000 per year deposited into the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports Fund (Fund 5MT0).		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	

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AGECD7 Long-term care			
Section: 209.20	Section: 209.20	Section: 209.20	Section: 209.20
Permits ODM, pursuant to an interagency agreement, to designate ODA to perform level of care assessments.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires ODA to provide long-term care consultations to assist individuals in planning for their long-term health care needs.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires ODA to administer the Medicaid waiver-funded PASSPORT Home Care Program, the Assisted Living Program, and PACE as delegated by ODM in an interagency agreement.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
AGECD8 Performance-based reimbursement			
Section: 209.20	Section: 209.20	Section: 209.20	Section: 209.20
Permits ODA to design and utilize a payment method for PASSPORT Administrative Agencies (PAA) that includes a pay-for-performance incentive component that is earned by a PAA when defined consumer and policy outcomes are achieved.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires ODA to submit a report outlining the payment method to JMOC prior to filing the proposed rule with JCARR.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Potential impact on earnings received by PAAs if the pay-for-performance is utilized and outcomes are achieved. ODA will experience administrative costs to submit reports and adopt rules.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGECD9 MyCare Ohio			
Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30
Extends the authority of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to MyCare Ohio during the period of the federal financial alignment demonstration program.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGECD10 Senior Community Services			
Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30
No provision.	Earmarks \$150,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 490411, Senior Community Services, to support the IConnect Program, administered by the Neighborhood Centers Association in Richland, Medina, Lorain, and Cuyahoga County.	No provision.	Same as the House.
Permits GRF ALI 490411, Senior Community Services, to:	Same as the Executive, but specifies that the remainder of ALI 490411 may be used for these purposes to account for the earmark above.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the House.
(1) Be used for programs, services, and activities designated by ODA.	(1) Same as the Executive.	(1) Same as the Executive.	(1) Same as the Executive.
(2) Provide grants to community organizations to support and expand older adult programming.	(2) Same as the Executive.	(2) Same as the Executive.	(2) Same as the Executive.
Requires priority for these services to be given to low-income, high need persons and/or persons with a cognitive impairment who are age 60 or over.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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No provision.	Prohibits ODA from using these funds for administrative expenses.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
AGECD11 National Senior Services Corps			
Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30		
Permits GRF ALI 490506, National Senior Service Corps, to be used by ODA to fund grants to organizations that receive federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service to support the following: (1) the Foster Grandparents Program; (2) the Senior Companion Program; and (3) the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	No provision.
Requires a grant recipient to use funds to support priorities established by ODA and the Ohio State Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	No provision.
Prohibits ODA and any area agencies on aging involved in the distribution of funds to lower-tiered grant recipients to use funds to cover administrative costs.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	No provision.
AGECD15 Community Projects			
	Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30
No provision.	Requires GRF ALI 490510, Community Projects, to be given to Jewish Family Services to support Ohio's Holocaust survivors.	Same as the House, but specifies the amount of the earmark, \$285,000 in FY 2026, to be used for this purpose rather than the entire line item to account for the earmark below.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Earmarks \$200,000 in FY 2026 in GRF ALI 490510, Community Projects, to be provided to the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging and used for services for disadvantaged seniors.	Same as the Senate.

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AGECD12 Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports			
Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30	Section: 209.30
Permits Fund 5MT0 ALI 490627, Board of Executives of Long-Term Care Services and Supports, to be used to administer and enforce the nursing home administration law and rules adopted under it.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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<u>Special Programs</u>						
MCD33 MyCare Ohio expansion						
Section: 333.250	R.C.	5164.91, 5167.01, 5167.03, Section 333.250	R.C.	5164.91, 5167.01, 5167.03, Section 333.250	R.C.	5164.91, 5167.01, 5167.03, Section 333.250
Requires the ODM Director to continue, during FY 2026 and FY 2027, to expand the Integrated Care Delivery System (ICDS) (known as "MyCare Ohio"), or its successor program, to all Ohio counties.		Same as the Executive, but also specifically authorizes the ODM Director to establish an ICDS successor program if the Director terminates the ICDS.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.
Requires ODM to establish requirements for care management and coordination of waiver services, subject to certain requirements (such as employing area agencies on aging to be the coordinators of those services) unless requested by the waiver participant or ODM determines that the performance of the area agency on aging does not meet program requirements.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.
No provision.		With respect to the ICDS or the ICDS successor program, requires the Director to allow participants the choice to enroll in Medicare coordination only dual special needs plans offered by entities that do not participate in the ICDS or the ICDS successor program, and requires the Director to approve Medicaid provider contracts to entities not selected to participate in either program and allow those entities to enroll dual eligible individuals and program participants.		No provision.		No provision.

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Fiscal effect: Federal approval would be required prior to fiscal effects occurring. Post expansion of the MyCare program, there may be cost shifting due to increased MyCare enrollment.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
MCD35 HCBS direct care worker wages			
Section: 333.270	Section: 333.270	Section: 333.270	Section: 333.270
Requires ODM, jointly with ODA and DODD, to collect data from providers regarding the wages paid to direct care workers under the Medicaid home and community-based waiver components administered by each agency. Requires ODM to compile and submit to the Governor an annual report on this data.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive, but additionally requires that the report be submitted to (1) the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, (2) the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House, and (3) the chairpersons of the Medicaid committees in both the House and Senate.	Same as the Senate.
Fiscal effect: The departments will likely incur administrative costs to collect, compile, and submit the data and report.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
<u>Appropriation Language</u>			

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MCD27 Home and community based services appropriations - state			
Section: 333.180			
Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 5HC8 ALLs 651698, MCD Home and Community Based Services, 653698, DDD Home and Community Based Services, 652698, MHA Home and Community Based Services, 655698, JFS Home and Community Based Services, 659698, BOR Home and Community Based Services, and 656698, AGE Home and Community Based Services, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified ALLs.	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.
Stipulates that any additional expenditures be used in accordance with federal rules and comply with ODM's Medicaid state plan approved by the federal government. Appropriates any additional expenditures.	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.

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MCDCD28 Home and community based services appropriations - federal

Section: 333.190

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 3HC8 ALLs 651699, MCD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 653699, DDD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 652699, MHA Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 655699, JFS Home and Community Based Services – Federal, and 659699, BOR Home and Community Based Services - Federal, and 656699, AGE Home and Community Based Services – Federal, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified line items.	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.
Stipulates that any additional expenditures be used in accordance with federal rules and comply with ODM's Medicaid state plan approved by the federal government. Appropriates any additional expenditures.	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.

MCDCD30 Cash transfers from Franchise Permit Fee Fund to the Department of Health and the Department of Aging

Section: 333.210

Permits the OBM Director, upon the request of the ODM Director, to transfer cash in each fiscal year from the Nursing Home Franchise Fee Fund (Fund 5R20) to the following funds:

\$5,000,000 to the Quality, Monitoring, and Inspection Fund (Fund 5B50) used by ODH;

\$11,885,000 to the Ombudsman Support Fund (Fund 5BA0) used by ODA.

Section: 333.210

Same as the Executive, but makes the following change:

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Executive, but changes the permitted transfer amount to \$9,300,000.

Section: 333.210

Same as the House.

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Requires DOH and ODA to each submit a report at the end of each fiscal year on spending activities to OBM.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.