ODP Updates

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Budget: Foundations of Health

- **ODP Multi-Year Growth Strategy**
  - The Shapiro Administration is beginning a multi-year strategy to expand access to home and community-based services and effectively end the emergency waiting list for adults with intellectual disabilities and autism.
    - **Shifting to management by budget rather than slots; and**
    - **Adding waiver program capacity to Community Living and Consolidated Waivers.**
      - **Immediately releasing additional waiver capacity – additional 1,250 Community Living and 400 Consolidated**
      - **Increasing waiver capacity for 2024-25 – additional 1,250 Community Living and 250 Consolidated**
    - **Increasing rates beginning July 1, 2024 - $483M total investment ($217M state funds)**

- **One-Time Supplemental Payments**
  - ODP will issue one-time supplement payments to support staffing recruitment and retention to enable them to serve additional individuals.
    - **Payment to providers anticipated in May/June 2024 - $109M ($51M state funds)**
- **Sign Language Interpretation in ODP Waiver Programs**
  - **Improves access to sign language services for ODP programs -- $2.1M ($934,000 state fund)**
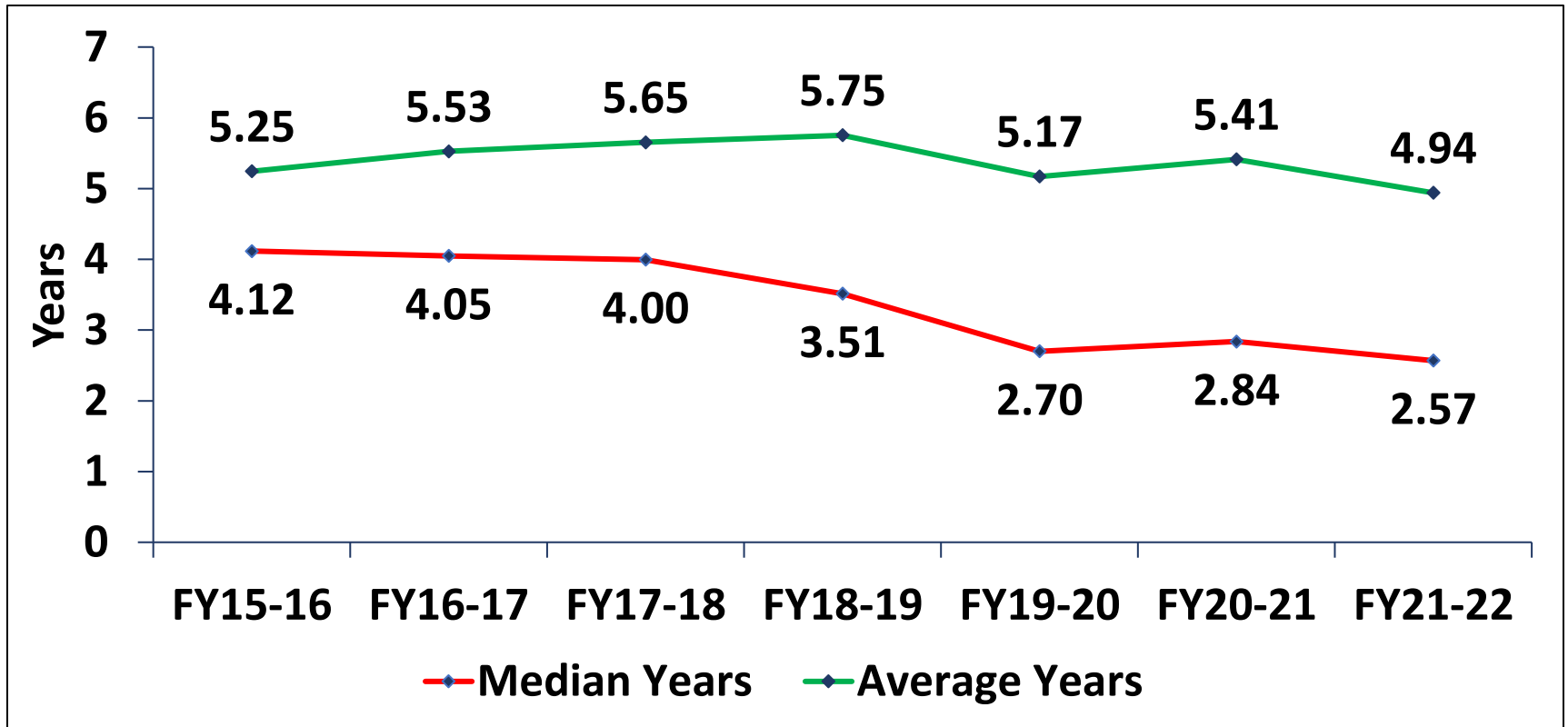
ODP Multi-Year Program Growth Strategy

People Waiting by Urgency of Need

Age Group	Emergency (within 6 months	Critical (within 6 mo-2 years)	Planning (within 2-5 years)	Total by Age Group
0-20	1,387	1,991	1,365	4,743
21+	4,534	2,919	1,017	8,470
Total by Urgency	**5,921**	**4,910**	**2,382**	13,213

Time on Waiting List

In 2022, median wait in PA was 2.6 years, average wait 5 years.

Median & Average Years on Waiting List

Figure 2: Median & Average Years on Waiting List
Source: EDW HCSIS Consumer Demographics Fact Data Extraction date: 12/22/2022
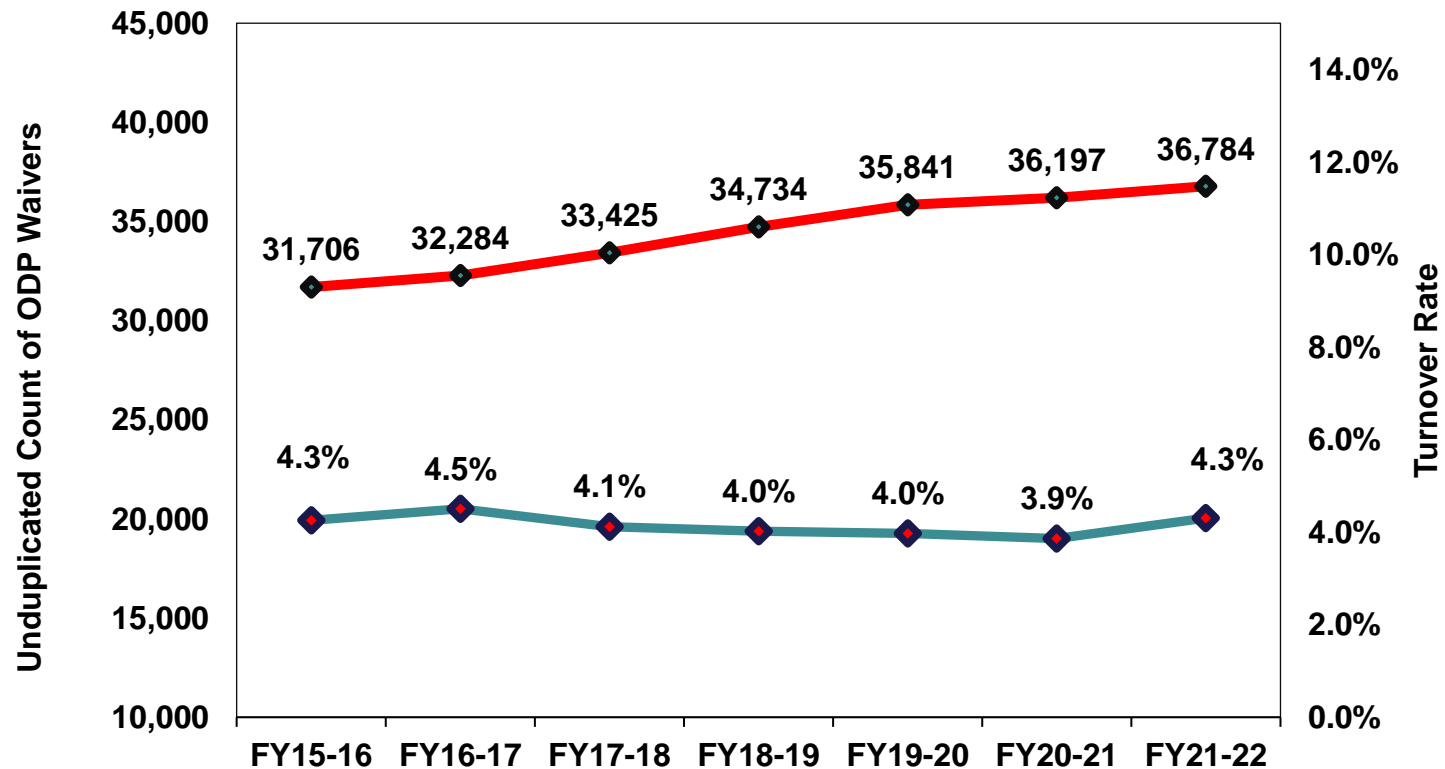
ODP Multi-Year Program Growth Strategy

- February 2024, the Shapiro Administration announced the ODP Multi-Year Program Growth Strategy aimed at eliminating the emergency waiting list for adults.

- Program expansion will be accomplished through

  1. **adding waiver capacity** to the Community Living and Consolidated waivers

  2. **altering the management** of waiver capacity in order to serve more people.

- Launch coupled with supplemental payment and Governor's proposed budget for $214M in rate increases because people should have access to high quality HCBS.

Adding Waiver Capacity

- February release of additional 1,250 Community Living and 400 Consolidated waivers

- Governor's proposed budget FY24-25 includes $34.2 million in Community Waiver and $1.9 million in the Community Base Program
  - 1,250 Community Living and 250 Consolidated

- As overall waiver capacity grows, so do opportunities for enrollment through turnover
  - 4% turnover annually
  - Example, if ODP serves 40,000 people in the waiver programs, approximately 1,600 new people could be enrolled in the waiver annually through turnover

ODP 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Enrollment and Turnover Rate *

Enrollment (Unduplicated Count of ODP Waivers):
- FY15-16: 31,706
- FY16-17: 32,284
- FY17-18: 33,425
- FY18-19: 34,734
- FY19-20: 35,841
- FY20-21: 36,197
- FY21-22: 36,784

Turnover Rate:
- FY15-16: 4.3%
- FY16-17: 4.5%
- FY17-18: 4.1%
- FY18-19: 4.0%
- FY19-20: 4.0%
- FY20-21: 3.9%
- FY21-22: 4.3%

*: Included waivers are Consolidated, P/FDS. Community Living and Adult Autism Waivers; Turnover refers to individuals no longer in any ODP 1915(c) HCBS waiver after waiver end-dated
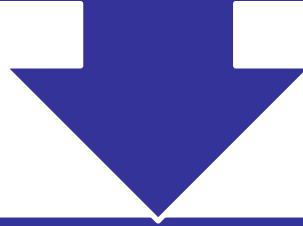
Source: HCSIS/PUNS Monthly Facts   Extraction
Date: 01/28/2021

Program Capacity Management

Historically, capacity limited at state and county/AE level to number of "slots" approved to fill in each HCBS waiver

New allocation strategy AE/counties manage to both budget and available waiver slots. Strong management practices and utilization reviews will result in access to additional waiver capacity.

Emergency List for Adults (21+)

Total Individuals 21+ in Emergency	4,534
Total Emergency 21+ Enrollment in ID/A Waivers	2,395
Enrolled in CW	68
Enrolled in CLW	793
Enrolled in P/FDS	1,534
Total 21+ in Emergency without ID/A Waiver	2,139 (47% of adults on the emergency waiting list are not enrolled in an ID/A waiver)

Next Steps

- Mid-year allocation distribution occurred in February 2024
- Beginning 7/1/2024 new allocation to AEs to include budget limits and maximum number of waivers that may be assigned
  - ODP will conduct readiness reviews
  - AEs rolled in as demonstrate readiness
- Training AE fiscal and program staff in new approach
- AEs develop tools and practices for utilization review practices
- Create new reports to share program growth and focus on emergency status
- Policy guidance and review of existing policy for update or obsolete

Performance-Based Contracting Update

- Residential Strategic Thinking Group drafted performance measures – 11/1/23 draft

- Drafting 1915(b)(4) and amendments to 1915(c) waivers
  - Public comment period anticipated in April for 1/1/25 implementation

- Residential Provider Preparedness Toolkit in development

- Supports Coordination Strategic Thinking Group
  - Began meeting in 12/2023
  - Drafting SCO performance measures

- RFP for Performance Analysis Services posted on eMarketplace

Direct Support Professional and Front Line Supervisor Credentialing

NADSP has completed review of ODP courses.

Accredited courses include:

- 6100 Orientation and Annual
- Medication Administration
- Community Participation Supports
- SPeCTRUM 2.0
- Fatal 4
- Communication, FBA, etc.

Specialized Telehealth and Assessment Team (STAT)

- Currently one vendor enrollment in process, StationMD
- ODP working to provide files to counties for currently enrolled individuals for batch authorizations
- Dependent on vendor enrollment but we anticipate this being complete before 4/30
- Stakeholder communications
  - Once vendor on board, ODP will host information session
  - One pagers will be available for SCs to use
  - PAFN

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rule

- CMS approved PA's Statewide Transition Plan 8/24/23
    - [Approved plan and letter](#)
    - ODP has no settings unable to comply
- On-going assessment for compliance with HCBS Rule
    - Incorporated into 55. Pa Code 2380, 2390, 6400 and 6500, evaluated through licensing inspections
    - Incorporated into 55 Pa Code 6100, evaluated through ODP's Quality Assessment and Improvement process
    - Individual monitoring by Supports Coordinators

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rule (cont.)

- Stakeholder call
- CMS will conduct an on-site visit the full week of February 26, 2024
  - Assess implementation of the HCBS Rule with focus on:
    - Person-centered planning and Supports Coordination
    - CAP/milestones
  - At least 7 service location visits
    - Interviews with individuals, DSPs, Supports Coordinators
  - Supports/Service Coordination Meeting

Intellectual Disability/Autism (ID/A) Supportive Housing Pilot

- Pilot design approved by ISAC Dec 2023 meeting
- March 1, 2024 start for the selected counties
  - Centre
  - Lancaster
  - Erie
  - Green
  - Westmoreland
  - Chester
  - Delaware
  - Bradford/Sullivan
  - Lehigh