
CHAPTER 38: RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS WAIVER

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SELF-DIRECTION OPTION

Self-direction is a service delivery option which allows participants to become the employer of the direct service workers they choose to hire to provide their supports. As the employer, the participant or his/her authorized representative is responsible for recruiting, training, supervising, and managing the direct service workers.

A required component of this option is the use of a contracted fiscal/employer agent, who will perform the participant's employer-related payroll functions. Participants must utilize support coordination services for the development of the Plan of Care (POC), budget planning, ongoing evaluation of supports and services, and for organizing the unique resources the participant needs.

In the Residential Options Waiver (ROW), a participant may choose to self-direct all or part of his/her Community Living Supports. Participants can choose to receive other services for which he/she is eligible from a provider agency.

Participants in this option must:

- Be a ROW participant;
- Be able to participate in this option without a lapse or decline in quality of care or an increased risk to his/her health and welfare;
- Complete the mandatory training including rights and responsibilities of managing his/her own services and supports offered by the support coordinator;
- Understand the right, risks, and responsibilities of managing his/her own care, managing and using an individual budget; or if unable to make decisions independently, have a willing decision maker (authorized representative who is listed on the participant's POC) who understands the rights, risks, and responsibilities of managing the care and supports of the participant within his/her individualized budget, and
- **Follow all rules and requirements pertaining to Self-Direction as outlined in the OCDD Self-Direction Handbook.**