



SFY 2010 and 2011 Unified Long-Term Care Systems (ULTCS) Workgroup Structure

Mission: To expand the system and budget for long-term care services and supports that unifies both the budgeting process for facility-based and home-based services and the system that delivers these supports, that supports Ohio's ability to accurately forecast expenditures for these services in future years, and that supports a workforce with sufficient capacity, accessibility and sustainability to deliver these services and supports.

Vision: Ohio's budget for long-term services and supports will be: *flexible* to permit consumers to choose from a wide array of quality services based on their preferences and needs; *transparent* to policymakers; and a *cost-effective* solution to budgeting for the future service needs for Ohioans in need of long-term care who may eventually need Medicaid-funded supports

Outcomes/Guiding Principles: Successful implementation of a unified long-term care budgeting strategy promotes the following outcomes:

- A comprehensive strategy for how Ohio will provide long-term services and supports.
- A balanced system of long-term services and supports based on consumer choice. Medicaid spending for long-term services and supports will reflect a better balance between facility-based and home- and community-based services.
- Policymaking authority and associated budgets will be consolidated within a single entity to simplify the consumer's decision making and maximize the state's flexibility in meeting the consumer's needs.
- A transparent budget for long-term services and supports for policymakers.
- A seamless array of service delivery options.
- Consumers are satisfied with the services they receive and experience a higher quality of life.
- Ohioans are encouraged to plan ahead for future service and support needs, as well as be better prepared to make informed decisions about their options.
- A cost-effective system that links disparate services across agencies and jurisdictions.
- Transparency and consistency in the rate setting process for providers.
- Accurate expenditure forecasts for long-term services and supports in future years.

Full Workgroup Meeting Schedule

The full workgroup will meet bimonthly beginning in September. ODA will continue to identify the exact dates and locations, but ordinarily the meetings will occur on the third Thursday of every odd-numbered month in the afternoon. Below are the tentative dates through the 2010-2011 biennium:

2009
September 17, 2009
November 19, 2009

2010
January 21, 2010
March 18, 2010
May 20, 2010
July 15, 2010
September 16, 2010
November 18, 2010

2011
January 20, 2011
March 17, 2011
May 19, 2011