



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

Mission: To establish the system and budget for long-term services and supports in appropriate settings that unify and better balance the budgeting process for facility-based and home- and community-based services and the system that delivers these supports; that reflects consumer choice; 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 system 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 consumers; 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 systems 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.
- A system that is reflective of the Olmstead decision.
- 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.

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