

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF) Waiver

Participant-Directed Goods and Services Guidelines

Participant-Directed Goods and Services are services, equipment, or supplies not otherwise provided through this waiver or through the Medicaid State Plan that address an identified need on the ISP (including improving and maintaining the participant's opportunity for membership in the community) and meet the following requirements:

1. The item or service would decrease the need for other Medicaid services; and/or
 - would promote inclusion in the community; and/or
 - would increase the participant's safety in the home environment; and
2. The item or service is not illegal or otherwise prohibited by Federal and State statutes and regulations; and
3. The participant does not have the funds to purchase the item or service, or the item or service is not available through another resource.

Goods are required to meet the identified needs and outcomes in the individual's Individual Service Plan; assure the health and welfare of the individual; are the least costly alternative that reasonably meets the individual's assessed needs; and are for the direct benefit of the individual in achieving at least one of the following consumer outcomes:

- Improve cognitive, social or behavioral functioning
- Maintain the ability of the individual to remain in the community
- Enhance community inclusion and family involvement
- Develop or maintain personal, social, or physical skills
- Decrease dependency on formal support services
- Increase independence of the individual

The following are **prohibited** from being paid under this waiver:

- Experimental treatments;
- Room and board;
- Items that are used solely for entertainment or recreational purposes;
- Cigarettes and alcohol.