



Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Frequently Asked Questions – Contracts for Locally Funded Services

Q1: What is an LLC and how old do you have to be to own one?

A1: An LLC is a Limited Liability Company. Legally, LLCs provide the limited liability features of a corporation and the tax efficiencies and operational flexibility of a partnership. The age of incorporation is 18 and above. (sba.gov)

Q2: When will DCBDD contract only with independent providers who are an LLC or agencies?

A2: January 1, 2018

Q3: Who will this change affect?

A3: This transition will affect independent providers without LLC status or who are not associated with an Agency with Choice.

Q4: How will this affect my services?

A4: Neither services provided nor received will change as long as the provider is an LLC or is associated with an Agency with Choice or is employed by a provider agency.

Q5: Will I have to change providers?

A5: You will only need to change providers if your current independent provider chooses not to take action.

Q6: As a provider, how will this change affect my ability to offer services?

A6: All current contracts with independent providers will end on December 31, 2017. If you wish to continue contracting as an independent provider, you must form an LLC, be employed by an agency, or contract with an Agency with Choice.

Q7: Will independent providers need agency certification through the Ohio Dept. of Developmental Disabilities?

A7: No, however, independent providers must maintain their independent provider certifications.

Q8: As an independent provider, what are my options?

A8: Providers may choose to:

- Work for an Agency
- Work with an Agency with Choice
Agencies with Choice are DODD certified agencies which pay at the agency rate, that support the independent provider by acting as the employer of record. Additional benefits may include Worker's Compensation, employer tax benefits, health insurance (depending on the provider/agency arrangement).
- Form an LLC
Forming an LLC requires a one-time tax deductible fee. The process can be completed by working with an attorney, LegalZoom, or the Secretary of State's website. Forming an LLC offers additional protection of the provider's personal assets.



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Q9: If I am a Family Secured Provider, will I have to form an LLC?

A9: Family Secured Providers are not affected by this and may continue services.

Q10: Will this affect the Waiver Services I provide?

A10: No. This change is for locally-funded services only.

Q11: Will therapy and behavior support providers also be required to form an LLC, work for an Agency, or work for an Agency with Choice?

A11: Yes.