

What Is Replacement Capacity?

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Replacement waiver capacity is ODMRDD's attempt to keep waiver enrollment levels from decreasing due to disenrollments. Replacement waiver opportunities are available only if requested from ODMRDD. Once a disenrollment occurs in a county, that county has the discretion to request replacement capacity to keep their IO and LI waiver capacity at the same level previous to the disenrollment. There is no expectation that disenrollments automatically mean waiver capacity is 'freed up,' rather it means that a county can choose to request replacement capacity, based on a number of factors. This replacement capacity is different from emergency capacity- a person receiving replacement capacity need not be in emergency status or even in a priority category. Whenever replacement capacity is granted, the county covers the local match responsibility.

How much is there?

Ohio's replacement capacity has been estimated to be 5% of the total unduplicated count of current waiver capacity on both the IO and LI waivers. This level of replacement capacity has already been approved by CMS. Any additional waiver capacity increases will be in addition to this already-approved amount. All subsequent increases in waiver capacity will include a 5% increase to accommodate replacement capacity.

How long does a county have to make a request?

Requests for replacement capacity for individuals disenrolled within this time period have **90 days** from the date of the ODMRDD disenrollment letter to submit a request for replacement capacity.

NOTE: from 5/9/08 to 10/1/08 counties may request LI replacement capacity back to 7/1/07.

How do I access it?

A disenrollment from the IO waiver must first occur in your county. Based on the date of the disenrollment letter, sent by ODMRDD, the county board may make a request for replacement capacity within 90 days. Submit the request using the form accompanying this memo. This form can be either Emailed to waivercapacity-support@odmrdd.state.oh.us or faxed to **(614)644-0501**.

Counties must update their PICT queue so the first person on the county's PICT is the person identified for the replacement capacity. 'Approval of Submission' field, indicating the date the waiver was allocated to the individual. ODMRDD will also notify the county the replacement waiver has been allocated.

Will it run out?

We hope it won't. Looking at the average level of disenrollments over the past several years, 5% should be sufficient. In other words, if we have around 5% annual disenrollments, there should be replacement capacity available. At the beginning of the next waiver year, another allotment equal to 5% of the unduplicated count of IO waiver recipients additionally will be available for replacement capacity. Again, this capacity is only available if a corresponding disenrollment has occurred.