



## Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

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Ted Strickland, Governor

John L. Martin, Director

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**To:** County Board of MRDD Superintendents County Board of MRDD Business Managers  
County Board of MRDD COG Directors County Board of MRDD SSA Directors  
Ohio Association of County Boards

**From:** Jane Black, Policy Lead, Medicaid Development and Administration, ODMRDD

**Subject:** 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Waiver Allocations

### Critical Information for Allocation of HCBS Waivers is outlined below:

- Martin allocation for the balance of 2009 has not yet been released for the following reason:
  - We do not have sufficient numbers of Nursing Facility requests in the PICT.
  - We cannot allocate the balance of the Martin waivers until we have additional requests for nursing facility allocations.
- **Solution:** On a first come, first serve basis send an email to [martin-settlement@odmrdd.state.oh.us](mailto:martin-settlement@odmrdd.state.oh.us) with a request to change your current PICT entries of ICFMR or Base Martins to NF Martins. **Deadline for submission of these requests is January 6, 2009.** If this methodology does not yield the result of achieving our NF Martin quota - on a limited basis, we may allocate a NF Martin waiver to requesting Counties, (as an increase in the Counties overall Martin Allocation) which would result in a decrease to some other county.
- If you have an urgent need to receive any of your waiver allocation (Martin or regular IO), send us an email and we will review for approval.
- Regular IO allocation will be released once we are able to process the Martin allocations.
- We do not yet have the official CMS approval in writing for the LV1 increase in capacity and therefore cannot allocate LV1 waivers at this time. We expect this very soon, so **please make sure your PICT has been updated to include all LV1 requests for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 09** as we will approve and allocate as soon as we hear from CMS.

The importance of ensuring that the Department fully implements the Martin Settlement Agreement necessitates that we move forward as outlined above. This is a unique situation and we appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation.

Please remember to use the [martin-settlement@odmrdd.state.oh.us](mailto:martin-settlement@odmrdd.state.oh.us) or the [waivercapacity-support@odmrdd.state.oh.us](mailto:waivercapacity-support@odmrdd.state.oh.us) email addresses for all communications. Thank you.