

New Operator Education: What is Residential State Supplement (RSS)?



[Residential State Supplement \(RSS\)](#) is a major source of funding for adult care facility home operators administered through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

It is incredibly important for new operators to understand this state funding source and how residents can apply for it.

Here are **three facts about RSS**:

1. RSS provides financial assistance to adults with disabilities who wish to live in the community.
2. People who enroll in RSS have increased needs due to a disability that is not severe enough to require long-term care in an institution, such as a nursing home or hospital.
3. RSS is used to pay for accommodations, supervision, and personal care services in the Adult Group Homes (less than 16 beds) and Adult Family Homes (less than 5 beds)

To be eligible for this funding, **RSS applicants must be**

1. Adults (over 18)
2. Enrolled in Medicaid

3. Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Supplemental Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
4. Require a [Protective Level of Care](#)

If you are checking the status of an RSS application or have questions regarding the enrollment process, **contact Community Transitions at OhioMHAS** via email at RSS@mha.ohio.gov or call 614-752-9316.

[How to Apply for RSS](#)

Residents can apply for RSS funding, but typically the application is done by legal guardians, discharge planners, and case managers on behalf of consumers.

Once a complete RSS application is submitted, all forms are reviewed to determine whether the eligibility criteria are met. Community Transitions Staff typically review all completed applications and respond *within 5 business days*.

Once OhioMHAS and the local Department of Job and Family Services determine that the eligibility criteria have been met, the individual is then enrolled in the RSS Program.

[View the RSS Application](#)

[What about the RSS waiting list?](#)

Unfortunately, there is currently a waiting list to get clients onto RSS. This means it may take a while before a resident gets into the program.

It is still important to start the application process and get eligible residents on the waiting list.

To learn how the new applications are being processed, [click here to read the RSS waiting list policy](#).