



Telemedicine for Individuals with Intellectual
& Developmental Disabilities

Testimony on SFY 26/27 Operating Budget

House Health Committee

Chairwoman Schmidt, Vice-Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani, and esteemed committee members,

Station MD is a certified provider with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, providing Ohioans with Autism, and other Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) access to specialized healthcare 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Station MD was founded with the mission of addressing gaps in services for this community which typically exist in the healthcare infrastructure. Its service has proven to improve medical care, improve quality of life for our community and their loved-ones. In addition, it has saved the state enormous dollars and resources in avoided ER visits and hospitalizations.

Station MD believes that to support Ohioans with I/DD we must also support the team that surrounds them—County Boards, Providers, and Family members. In alignment with this belief, we respectfully submit this testimony in support of the budget initiatives proposed by Governor DeWine and Director Hauk for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. These initiatives help ensure that all Ohioans have access to the resources and opportunities to be successful in their homes and communities.

We respectfully urge the General Assembly to maintain the Governor's Investment in ICFs, Multi-System Youth, and Technology First initiatives. Additionally, request that the General Assembly include a rate increase for waiver providers to keep up with inflation and workforce demands, as well as establish a mechanism for ongoing increases to prevent future funding crises.

Station MD is honored to be serving Ohioans with autism and other types of I/DD, and it is our goal for people with I/DD to thrive in all aspects of their lives.

The budget initiatives for Ohioans developmental disabilities, guided by the leadership of Director Hauk, will aid in the ability for all Ohioans with I/DD to thrive.

Thank you for your leadership, the investments this legislature has previously made, and the commitment to the belief that Ohioans with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are valuable members of the state of Ohio.

Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to bring this testimony before you today.

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