

On March 1, 2010 I became an Independent Provider, I provided payee services for an individual in the Developmental Disabilities of Clark County.

Prior to March, 2010 I worked for the Clark County Board of Developmental Disabilities for 25 years. My title was Benefit Specialist. As part of my duties, I was to do audits on client accounts. During my reviews I found many errors and concerns in how companies and sometimes with family members were budgeting and tracking individual finances. I was able to work with these individuals and correct these issues.

Based on my experiences, there are major concerns with individuals with disabilities being their own employer authority representative most individuals can not handle their own finances alone being responsible for being their own employer. As independent providers, we are asking for the state of Ohio to review and look at other options for individuals with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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