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Solutions at Work, Inc. to become a private Medicaid provider of vocational habilitation services

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The Solutions at Work, Inc. (SAW) Board of Trustees recently voted to become a private Medicaid provider of vocational habilitation services by 2020. This decision will allow SAW to continue to support hundreds of individuals choosing to train and complete contracted piece work in the Cuyahoga County Board of DD's (CCBDD) Adult Activities Centers in 2020 when CCBDD will no longer be a provider of adult or employment services due to a federal conflict-free case management rule.

"I am very happy that we've decided to move forward and work towards our enhanced role come 2020. I look forward to building an organization that will provide excellent services to this very deserving group of clients," stated SAW Board of Trustee Randy Graham.

SAW's decision to become a private Medicaid provider of vocational habilitation services will support a seamless transition for those individuals who attend an Adult Activities Center and have an interest in improving their pre-employment skills. Vocational habilitation services include employment assessment and training, group supported employment options, and skill building that can ultimately lead to a competitive job in the community.

Upon hearing SAW's decision, CCBDD Superintendent Kelly Petty shared, "We have heard often how important this work option is for individuals we support and their families. Our Adult Activities Centers have been a large part of SAW's and CCBDD's identities for nearly 50 years. We've made a big step forward in preparing for our future, and I appreciate SAW's commitment to continuing to provide a valuable and quality service for those we serve."

As SAW's role as a private Medicaid provider will be limited to vocational habilitation services, CCBDD will be arranging for another provider or providers to offer adult day support services in the Adult Activities Centers, which can include recreational, social and community integration activities. This option is intended for people who are not interested in or able to work and instead require activity-based services.

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