

Proposed Structure of the new IDD Waiver

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AGENDA

- Status of CFC development
- Overview of New IDD Waiver
- Input, recommendations and feedback



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By federal requirement, an act of Congress provides guidance to the state and public entities regarding the use of 1915(k) Community First Choice and 1915(i) Community-Based Services (HCBS). Find out more:

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1915(i) and 1915(k)

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Reminder

- Alaska's primary goal in adopting the new IDD waiver is to minimize effect of the budget crisis by obtaining more federal dollars



Overview of New IDD Waiver

- Intended to serve many participants on grant-funded services
- 1915(c) Medicaid HCBS Waiver
- Target individuals with IDD with less intensive need
- Provide a range of services up to an individual cost limit

Vision for how the Registry, the 2 waivers, and CFC will work together

CFC

- Will be an option for participants on either the I or II
- But, may require reductions in waiver services if CFC is chosen

IDD-I

- Program for people with IDD when pulled off the Registry
- Smaller menu of services up to an individual cost limit

IDD-II

- Current participants will not be affected
- Target participants who cannot be served safely under the IDD-I

Proposed Eligibility Criteria

- Active Developmental Disability Determination (DDD) by the State and be on the Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR or “Registry”)
- Meet Alaska’s level of care (LOC) criteria for Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID LOC)
- Be enrolled in Medicaid
- Short Term Assistance and Referral (STAR) program staff will continue to assist with DDD and DDRR submissions



Proposed Services

Respite

In-Home Supports
for ages < 18

Supported Living for
ages > 18

Day Habilitation

Supported
Employment
(including pre-
employment tasks)

Time-limited
Therapy Services
(Intensive Active
Treatment)



Participants will also receive Care Coordination

- Want to lower costs for Care Coordination to allow more funds for services
- Anticipate lowering requirements for number of contacts

HCBS Settings Requirements

- Because IDD-I is a new Waiver, all services will need to meet HCBS Settings requirements included in CMS rule
 - Can't wait until end of transition period allowed for existing waivers
- Settings rule applies to: Supported Living, Day Habilitation, & Supported Employment
- Anticipate that most providers will offer services that meet settings requirement
- Propose having CCs verify that all services meet settings requirement
 - SDS's goal is to develop a process to make this easy

Individual Cost Limits

- CCs will first develop a plan that:
 - Reflects participant's needs, goals, and preferences
 - Uses supports from unpaid sources and other funding source before Medicaid
- Propose:
 - A “baseline” individual cost limit not to exceed \$8,000 per year
 - “Stepped-up” individual cost limit not to exceed \$30,000 per year
- SDS is developing criteria to determine how to apply limits
 - **Discussion point: What factors does ICC think SDS should consider?**
- Amounts are preliminary
 - Need to balance cost limits against number of people who can be enrolled

Health and Safety Safeguards

- Allow a one-time additional \$5,000 to address temporary emergency needs
 - SDS will develop criteria
 - Considering basing on acute medical needs and/or temporary change in capacity of supports
- If need additional supports to assure health and safety, must update DDDR profile for consideration for the IDD-II

What's in a name?

- Want names that help make clear who the waivers are for
- Working titles are:
 - IDD-I – New Waiver
 - IDD-II – Existing Waiver
- Suggestions?
 - Individual Supports Services Waiver I & II
 - Community Inclusion I & II
 - Supports for Community Living I & II
 - Others??

Other Input, recommendations and feedback

- Further discussions of areas of concern
- Other recommendations or comments
- Questions about feedback from the ICC

Feedback/Discussion

