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To:

All Medicaid Adult Developmental Disabilities (DD) Service Coordination Providers, DD

Residential Habilitation Agency Providers, and Adult DD Support Brokers

From:

Leslie M. Clement, Administrator

Subject:

House Bill 260 Budget Reductions - DD Waiver Individual Budget Modification

Requirements

Effective July 1, 2011, in compliance with House Bill 260, section 9, Medicaid will only review requests for exceptions to traditional individual DD budgets when participants are requesting high or intense supported living services and can provide documentation to verify their individual budget is not sufficient to access the supports necessary to address their health and safety.

Participants who are not requesting high or intense supported living services, or who are using the self-directed option to access adult DD Waiver services, must submit their plan to address their service needs within the identified calculated budget. Individuals can appeal their calculated budget through the formal appeals process and timelines established by *IDAPA*16.05.03, "Contested Case Hearings and Declaratory Rulings".

To support this directive, several process improvements have been made:

- Guidelines have been updated for the exception review process and include updates to the exception review request form.
- IDAPA 16.03.10 and 16.03.13 will be modified.
- Budgets will be calculated using the living situation identified for the participant in the coming plan year.
- It will be verified that the participant's request for services on the plan corresponds to the living situation identified on the "Inventory".
- Any participant health and safety issues presented to Medicaid will be evaluated using the IDAPA definition of "Medical Necessity" (*IDAPA* 16.03.10.012.14).

If you have any questions about the exception review process, please contact the Program Manager for the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services, Division of Medicaid at (208) 334-0944.

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Enc. Updated exception review process and form