

Expanding Self-Direction

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What is Self-Direction

The option for people with developmental disabilities to have more control over what waiver services they receive, who provides them, and how they are provided.

Expanding Self-Direction

- 1000 state-funded SELF Waivers were made available to county boards this biennium
- Self-directed options will also be made available in the Level One and Individual Options (IO) Waivers

Proposed SELF Changes

- Replace hourly units with 15-minute units of service
- Remove sub-caps
 - Children maintain overall budget limitation of \$25,000/year
 - Adults maintain overall budget limitation of \$40,000/year
- Replace Community Inclusion – Personal Assistance service with a new self-directed Homemaker/Personal Care service

Possible Expansion Options

- Employer Authority
 - Ability to select, train, hire, supervise, fire workers
 - Common Law
 - Individual or designee (family, friend, etc.) is legal employer
 - Co-Employer
 - Another agency is the legal employer
 - Individual/family manages the day-to-day work
 - Financial Management Service (FMS) helps with required paperwork and all payroll functions for both Common Law and Co-Employer

Possible Expansion Options

- Budget Authority
 - Ability to create a self-directed budget and to buy goods/services authorized in the person-centered plan
 - Most often used in waivers offering “participant-directed goods and services”
 - Generic, non-specialized services
 - Decrease need for assistance from others
 - Not otherwise available through other resources, including the Medicaid state plan or the waiver

Possible Expansion Options

- To what services would employer and/or budget authority apply?
 - Homemaker/Personal Care
 - Transportation
 - Other?
- In what settings could these authorities be used?
 - People who live alone
 - People who live with family
 - Other?

Getting Input

- Survey to be made available to all people enrolled in the SELF Waiver to see what worked, what didn't work, and what could have been done differently.
- Survey to be made available to people enrolled in the Level One and IO Waivers to ask what self-directed activities they may want to perform.

Survey Options

- I want to select and hire my own workers
- I want to decide what training my workers must have
- I want to train my workers so they know what I need them to do and how to do it
- I want to decide what days/hours they will work
- I want to supervise workers to make sure they do what it says in my plan

Survey Options

- I want to sign workers' timesheets
- I want to be able to fire workers
- I want to decide how much my workers get paid, within the approved range
- I want to be able to pay my workers less than the maximum amount so that I can buy more services

Survey Options

- List the things you need today that you cannot get through Level One or the Individual Options Waiver

Questions?