



Important DDD Update

Below is information from DDD that everyone should be aware of. Please take a moment to read through this email in its entirety. If you have any questions regarding the information contained herein, please contact us at 908-689-1118



Provider Enrollment Update Session Scheduled

As indicated previously, the Division is committed to ensuring adequacy of provider network as the fee-for-service (FFS) system is implemented over the next 12-18 months. The Division is actively recruiting providers with an interest in offering quality services to adults (age 21+) with intellectual and developmental disabilities in New Jersey. We have scheduled a Provider Enrollment Update Session for providers who plan to offer or are considering offering services in the FFS system and have not yet completed the Combined Application to Become a Medicaid/DDD Approved Provider. This session will include an overview of current provider network adequacy as well as relevant demographic information with regard to served individuals in the three primary regions of the state (southern, central, northern).

What: Provider Enrollment Update Session

When: Wednesday, January 13, 2016
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: NJ Forensic Science Technology Center
Auditorium
1200 Negron Drive
Hamilton, NJ 08691

Who: Providers interested in offering Division-funded services in the FFS system that have not yet completed the Combined Application

To Register: Submit the following information to Diane.Flynn@dhs.state.nj.us by December 30:

- Agency name
- Name, title and email address of registrants (maximum 2 registrants per agency)



Tier-Based Service Model and Release of Fee-for-Service Budgets Quick Reference Guide

The fee-for-service (FFS) tier-based service model will help the Division ensure that, in a system with finite resources, individuals with like needs receive like budgets with which to access services and supports to help meet those needs.

In the tier-based model in New Jersey:

- DDD-funded services will be accessed (1) through enrollment on one of two Medicaid waivers - either the Supports Program or the Community Care Waiver (CCW), and (2) will be funded based on an individual's assigned tier. Waiver eligibility and tier assignment are both based on assessed level of need as determined through completion of the NJCAT (NJ Comprehensive Assessment Tool)
- Each tier has a corresponding budget that is the same for the Supports Program or the CCW - *except for the addition of an available budget component for "Individual Supports" for individuals enrolled on the CCW*
- The FFS tier-based budget is used by an individual to access prior authorized FFS services and supports
- Some FFS services and supports have a corresponding tier-based reimbursement rate. When submitting a claim for tier-based services, a provider will bill at the rate that corresponds to the tier of the individual to whom the service was delivered. Other FFS services will be billed at a standard rate regardless of an individual's tier.

To assist individuals, families and providers, the Division has developed two quick reference guides:

- [Fee-for-Service System Individual Budgets: Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [Fee-for-Service Rate Schedule: Quick Reference Guide](#), released May 2015

If you have questions regarding either of these documents or about the tier-based service model, please contact the [Division Fee-for-Service Help Desk](#).



final reminder!

As announced previously, as part of its commitment to promoting stakeholder engagement the Division is establishing a monthly **Consumer and Family Leadership (CFL)** meeting that will consist of a small core group of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and family members. While Consumer and Family Leadership details are still being finalized, the draft proposal is as follows:

- To convene a meeting once per month at the DDD Central Office in Hamilton with the Assistant Commissioner and members of the Division's Executive Management Team as needed and appropriate depending on the discussion agenda
- To have the Division identify a core group of Consumer and Family Leadership (CFL) members representative of a diverse cross-section of the Division's overall constituency (e.g., different areas of the state, different disability types, different residential settings, etc.)
- To publish/market the CFL meeting schedule and agenda so that individuals not identified as core CFL members have a regular opportunity to register for and attend CFL meetings
- To alternate between a day-time meeting and an evening meeting, in order to accommodate as many participants as possible over the long term
- To share a summary of monthly CFL meeting content with the broad stakeholder community

If you have an interest in being part of the core CFL group, please contact [DDD Communications](#) no later than **Friday, December 4, 2015**.



Upcoming Webinars

For a complete list of upcoming webinars, and to view archived webinars, visit the [DDD Webinars page](#).

**Live Supports
Program Q&A
Session -
Individual/Family
Focused**

This regularly scheduled session

**Overview and Live Q&A: The
Division of Developmental
Disabilities**

This webinar is geared to assist students with

gives individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families an opportunity to ask questions and get the latest news about the Division of Developmental Disabilities' Supports Program launched in July 2015. All stakeholders are welcome to attend these webinars, but information provided will be focused on questions submitted by individuals and family members.

- December 29, 2015, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and school personnel in understanding the DDD system and how to prepare to access needed services after exiting the school system, including information about DDD eligibility, avenues of funding, Support Coordination, services, and the process for linking with providers. Parent groups, schools, providers, and other stakeholders are encouraged to host events/meetings during the dates of this webinar to assist in sharing the information with their peers and colleagues.

- December 8, 2015, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- January 19, 2016, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- February 25, 2016, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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