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WELCOME!

Self Direction
Act of 2022

New
Waiver

Important
Meeting
Dates

JOIN

Question
Time

Tell us what is
most pressing
for you!

We go
together like



Please Mute.

Use Chat Box for questions. Please
keep side conversations to a minimum.

We will be recording.

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Self Direction Act of 2022 - Implementation

Continued opportunity for DDA to address our concerns and for stakeholder input on policy

October 1, 2022 the law was effective

July 1, 2023 - Date for Waiver renewal



Key Changes from the new law

- Allows support broker hours up to 30 hrs/month* and restores the scope of work
- Removes cap of \$5,000 for IFDGS - will be based on needs of the person*
- Requires the training of CCSes on Self-Directed Services
- Requires people be informed about all Waiver options annually
- Allows for transportation reimbursement for specialized vehicles (currently available)
- Allows for hiring a “manager” to assist with staff and home* (administrative hours not direct care)
- Allows some administrative expenses like internet
- Requires parity in funding
- Transparency in process - access to LTSS
- Ensures overnight supports for participants with assessed need
- Ensures family as staff remains an option
- Ensures a choice of three FMCSes
- * Comes out of unallocated funds



Support Brokers - “WORK AT THE DIRECTION OF AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO USES SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES, BY ASSISTING THE INDIVIDUAL OR THE INDIVIDUAL’S OTHER REPRESENTATIVE WITH:

MAKES INFORMED DECISIONS IN ARRANGING FOR, DIRECTING, AND MANAGING SERVICES THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES, INCLUDING DECISIONS RELATED TO PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS;

ACCESSING AND MANAGING IDENTIFIED SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL AND

PERFORMING OTHER TASKS AS ASSIGNED BY THE INDIVIDUAL AND AS AUTHORIZED BY CMS. “



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Support Broker (SB)

Participant can hire a SB up to 30 hours a month. Up to 4 hours of cost can be added to budget, the rest from unallocated funds

Assist the participant with employer authority - as per Participant Agreement

Assist the participant with budget authority - as per Participant Agreement

Assures that a participant always has a SB when family is staff to ensure a team approach and a person-centered plan.

Support Broker always should advocate for the person!



“Day to Day” Administrative Support Hours (optional)

“THE ABILITY TO USE FUNDS FROM THE RECIPIENT’S APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING AT LEAST ONE POSITION TO ASSIST THE RECIPIENT IN MANAGING THE RECIPIENT’S HOME, STAFF, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND PAY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES NEEDED TO OPERATE THE RECIPIENT’S PLAN OF SERVICE, INCLUDING INTERNET SERVICE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT”

Customizable and flexible to suit the person and their TEAM. Support to help people sustain their SD services (not direct support)

Day to day admin supports to include assistance with all aspects of household and personal management

Source of funds is unallocated, most likely under the IFDGS



Transparency and Access to LTSS Maryland

“ACCESS TO THE RECIPIENT’S PLAN OF SERVICE AND BUDGETS FOR THE PLAN OF SERVICE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT’S LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS SOFTWARE SYSTEM (LTSSA) OR ITS REPLACEMENT SYSTEM”

View access to see PCP through the approval process

Late Spring for Phase I
Phase II will have enhanced benefits.



Overnight Supports - Personal Supports

“AN OPTION FOR A RECIPIENT WHO HAS A DEMONSTRATED NEED FOR OVERNIGHT SUPPORTS PROVIDED THROUGH PERSONAL SUPPORT SERVICES CARRIED OUT USING THE RECIPIENT’S EMPLOYER OR BUDGET AUTHORITY TO DIRECT AND CHOOSE THE EMPLOYEE, VENDOR, OR PROVIDER OF THE OVERNIGHT SUPPORTS “

Overnight (awake or supervision) - currently available with assessed need

Requires nursing or behavior plan to document assessed needs

Option for more than 82 hours of Personal Supports with assessed needs.



Individual and Family Directed Goods and Services (IFDGS)

“INDIVIDUAL–DIRECTED FAMILY AND FAMILY–DIRECTED GOODS AND SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT BASED ON THE RECIPIENT’S NEEDS AND INCLUDED IN THE RECIPIENT’S PERSON–CENTERED PLAN OF SERVICE AS CALCULATED ON: (I) ON AN ANNUAL BASIS; AND (II) WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET GENERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT’S LTSS SYSTEM”

Ability to spend over \$5,000 with DDA approval as of July 1st– source of funds is unallocated

Definition of allowable items expanded to align with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines



Waiver is broad so policy matters...

SDAN is committed to continuing to work with you, our members, and with DDA on implementing policies associated with the new law and waiver renewal.

- Your input on the DDA policy drafts is essential! SDAN will send emails with links as they appear.
- Please join so you receive them!

Tips/changes for your PCP and Budget

Line-item budget goes to the FMCS - Check the Service Authorization section of your plan with your Team is very important.

Participants can use their budgets to pay for staff training time and Team meetings.

If there is an assessed need add it to your plan in important to/important for”

Expired budgets are now called “Auto Extend”. FMCSes will continue to pay at old rates and services until new PCP is approved



FMCS (FMS) Reminders

Three options and you can change if you want to. Still can't change to ARC yet.

EVV and Electronic timekeeping - different. Electronic timekeeping is mandatory

Caregiver EVV exemption - expect to hear back very soon.





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Next Meetings

Thursday, April 27, at 12PM via Zoom

SDAN's April meeting will focus on the role of the Self-Directing participant as an Employer.. We will discuss the roles and responsibilities associated with employer authority and have a panel of individuals to provide their perspectives and tips.

Thursday, May 18th, at 12PM via Zoom

SDAN's May meeting will focus on the role of the Support Broker in Self-Directed Services. The Support Broker has a unique role in the team of people supporting each self-directing participant and their families, and making self-direction more sustainable when families are unavailable to support their participant

Thursday, June 15, at 12PM via Zoom

TBD

Thank you!



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QUESTIONS? THOUGHTS?

Put your questions in the chat box or if you are unable to do that, use the “raise your hand” function.

We will answer as many questions as possible!

Reminder: Please feel free to email any private/sensitive information to info@marylandsds.org



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