



August 30, 2017

Changes to Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports Programs (LTSS) - Spotlight on ISW (New Waiver)

An SDS E-Alert was sent out on August 25, 2017 about the new Individualized Supports Waiver ([E-Alert](#)). As a point of clarification, Care Coordination will also be one of the services offered on the ISW. Care Coordination services will be in addition to the \$17,500 annual budget amount.

A “Save the Date” SDS E-Alert was sent out on August 18, 2017 ([E-Alert](#)) about two new information sharing sessions. Registration is now open for these webinars.

Join SDS Training for an Information Sharing Webinar: *Changes to Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports Programs (LTSS) - Spotlight on ISW (New Waiver)*

Each webinar will offer the same topic. They are not a series. All are welcome.

Wednesday September 6, 2017

Time 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm AKDT

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/787995079474592769>

Friday September 8, 2017

Time 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm AKDT

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/77010179024439297>



August 25, 2017

Individualized Supports Waiver for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Rollout Update

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) is seeking federal approval to establish a new home and community based Individualized Supports waiver (ISW) to serve up to 600 people who experience Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. This new waiver will target both individuals who are currently receiving services from the Community and Developmental Disabilities Grant (CDDG) program and individuals without supports on the Developmental Disabilities Registry and Review (DDRR). **The scheduled go live date for the ISW is January 1, 2018.**

In preparation for the implementation for the ISW SDS will be drawing individuals from the DDRR based upon their score, to be assessed for ICF/IID Level of Care and eligibility for the ISW.

Effective September 1, 2017 the SDS will draw **100** individuals per month until **600** have been selected to apply for the ISW.

Individuals who are approved for the ISW, will have an annual budget of \$17,500.00 for services to meet his/her needs. Those services include the following:

- Respite
- In-Home Supports for ages < 18 or Supported Living for ages > 18
- Day Habilitation
- Supported Employment (including pre-employment tasks)
- Intensive Active Treatment for Adults
- Chore services and Non-medical Transportation

We are asking providers to be prepared to offer guidance/assistance to families and individuals who receive a notice to proceed letter stating they have the opportunity to apply for this NEW waiver.

The letter will include instructions on steps potential applicants need to take. The Notice to Proceed will include:

- 1) Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) Information Consent Form,

- 2) Releases of Information (ROI's) for the respondents,
- 3) A Qualifying Diagnostic Certificate (QDC) form,
- 4) an Appointment for Care Coordination form,
- 5) an active Care Coordinator and Short Term Assistance and Referral (STAR) provider list, and a resource guide that identifies providers by region who are able to complete necessary diagnostic evaluations to move to LOC.

There will upcoming information sharing webinar in early Sept – look for registration information. SDS will also be sharing information about the waiver in other forums.

Additionally, in late September the Division will make available for public comment and tribal consultation the regulations and the corresponding Federal waiver application and amendments.

Please feel free to contact Caitlin Rogers at Caitlin.Rogers@alaska.gov for questions relating to the ISW.