



# Preparing for a Fee For Service System: A Guide for Caregivers

For individuals 21 years of age and older and their caregivers

The New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), which serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) 21 years of age and over, is transitioning from a contract system of care to a fee for service (FFS) system.

Contract System (Old)	Fee for Service System (New)
Annual contracts. Payment made by DDD to an agency <u>before</u> service is provided	Agency submits a bill to Medicaid <u>after</u> service is provided
Based on slots available in a program	Service is tied to the person
Multiple rates for similar services	Standard rates for similar services

## What does this mean for caregivers?

- **Support Coordinator:** Individuals eligible for DDD services will no longer have a case manager. Instead individuals and their caregivers will choose a Support Coordinator to provide case management services.
- **Budget:** Individuals eligible for DDD services will be assigned a budget based on their level of need. The individual and their caregivers will work with a Support Coordinator to choose which agencies to “purchase” services from. The Support Coordinator is responsible for maintaining the budget and coordinating services.
- **Budget Determination:** All current and newly eligible individuals will be assessed using the New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool (NJ CAT). This tool assesses a person’s strengths and weaknesses and identifies areas in which a person will need support and assistance. **It is important that an accurate picture of the person’s strengths and weaknesses are recorded. The results of the NJ CAT determine an individual’s budget.**

Medicaid Eligibility	Read	Timeline	Get Connected
<p><b>Individuals found eligible for DDD services must become and maintain Medicaid eligibility.</b>  <i>Individuals with private health insurance may remain on it, but must also become Medicaid eligible.</i>  <b>Three Primary Methods:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning at age 18 apply for Social Security Income (SSI) and if eligible you will automatically receive Medicaid.</li> <li>• New Jersey Workability allows a person with a disability to work and keep their Medicaid. Call for more information — <a href="tel:888-285-3036">888-285-3036</a></li> <li>• Apply for Medicaid at your County Board of Social Services.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Become Familiar With the New Services and Service Definitions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports Program <a href="http://bit.ly/supportsprogramservices">http://bit.ly/supportsprogramservices</a></li> <li>• Community Care Waiver (Draft) <a href="http://bit.ly/ccwdraft">http://bit.ly/ccwdraft</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Research Support Coordination Agencies</b>  <a href="http://bit.ly/researchsupportcoordinators">http://bit.ly/researchsupportcoordinators</a></p> <p><b>Individualized Service Plan (ISP)</b>            Support Coordinators are responsible for utilizing this person-centered planning tool to create goals. The ISP will serve as the authorization for services funded by DDD.  <a href="http://bit.ly/individualizedserviceplan">http://bit.ly/individualizedserviceplan</a></p>	<p><b>Fee for Service Implementation Timeline Part II: January – July 2015</b>  <a href="http://bit.ly/ffstimelinepart2">http://bit.ly/ffstimelinepart2</a></p> <p><b>Support Coordination Ramp-Up Timeline: October 2014 - July 2015</b>  <a href="http://bit.ly/supportcoordinationtimeline">http://bit.ly/supportcoordinationtimeline</a></p>	<p>As changes take place within the service delivery systems, it is vital for families to stay connected with an organization that can provide the most recent and important information. <b>The Arc of New Jersey Family Institute and its Family Advocacy Program keep you informed, educated and up-to-date</b> on all the latest changes that affect your loved one with an intellectual or developmental disability.</p> <p><b>Sign up today for free!</b>            Family Member/Guardian Sign Up: <a href="http://bit.ly/caregiverfapregister">http://bit.ly/caregiverfapregister</a>            Professional in the Field Sign Up: <a href="http://bit.ly/professionalfapregister">http://bit.ly/professionalfapregister</a></p>