



Family Support Camp Funding Assistance for 2019

Individuals enrolled in the Supports Program or Community Care Program under Fee-for-Service who plan to attend camp in 2019 must utilize their fee-for-service budget and select a Medicaid/DDD approved provider.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities' Family Support Unit may be able to provide limited camp funding assistance for individuals who have been unable to move into Fee-for-Service (i.e., who are not enrolled in either the Supports Program or Community Care Program under Fee-for-Service). Requests for camp funding will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. As with all DDD services, funding for camp is based on available resources. The deadline to apply for Family Support camp funding assistance is **Monday, May 6, 2019**.

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Who is Eligible to Apply for Camp Funding Assistance?

- Individuals who have been determined eligible to receive Division services, have been unable to move into Fee-for-Service, and are living in their own homes with uncompensated caregivers
- Individuals who receive an individual budget for **Self-Directed Day Services only and are not enrolled in the Supports Program or Community Care Program** (formerly *Community Care Waiver*).

Which Camps Will Be Considered for Funding Assistance?

- Division-contracted camps
- Camps on the Division's qualified provider list

How Much Camp Funding Assistance is Available?

- The Division will attempt to provide camp funding assistance to individuals for:
- Qualified Camps:
 - Up to 6 nights of residential camp
OR
 - Up to 10 days of day camp
- Contracted Camps:
 - Up to 6 nights of residential camp
OR
 - Up to 10 days of day camp
- Caregivers are encouraged to arrange to cover camp funding first through:
 - Private funds
 - Contacting local township recreation departments
 - Contacting civic groups (e.g., Elks, Shriners, etc.)
 - Camp scholarship funds that may be available through organizations like United Way

Additional Information About Camp Funding Assistance

- The deadline for submitting requests for camp funding assistance from the Division of Developmental Disabilities is **Monday, May 6, 2019**.
- **Camp funding assistance from the Division is not guaranteed** and caregivers should always consider their ability to afford any and all registered camp dates.
- The Division does not provide assistance with the following camp-related costs:
 - registration fees
 - transportation
 - the cost of trips taken during the camp stay
- Some camps require caregivers to remit full camp payment in advance, promising reimbursement to the caregiver once funding assistance payment is received from the Division.
 - Please note that the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) **is not responsible** for any promised reimbursements from camps that require advance payment.
 - Caregivers can attempt to negotiate with camps and request that camps rely on the Division's payment system, but this negotiation is undertaken privately by the caregiver.

How Do We Request Camp Funding Assistance from the Division?

- Individuals must register for camp prior to submitting a request to the Division for camp funding assistance.
- Individuals must provide the Division with a copy of the camp registration form and/or camp acceptance letter.
- Requests to the Division for camp funding assistance should be submitted to the assigned Division contact:
 - The individual's Division case manager
 - The individual's Support Coordinator

When Will Caregivers be Notified?

When a request for camp funding assistance is approved by the Division, caregivers will be notified by the camp. The caregiver will work directly with the camp to finalize details.

When Will Camp Funding Assistance Payment be Made?

Requests for camp funding assistance that are approved by the Division will be paid directly to the camp after the individual's camp session has ended.

Important Note for Individuals Enrolled in Fee-for-Service with iRecord Plans

Supports Program: Individuals enrolled in the Supports Program will access camp through their Supports Program budget. The appropriate service (Respite-Day Camp Only or Respite-Overnight Camp) must be prior authorized through the Individualized Service Plan.

Community Care Program (CCP): Individuals enrolled in the Community Care Program under Fee-for-Service will access camp through their CCP-FFS budget. The appropriate service (Respite-Day Camp Only or Respite-Overnight Camp) must be prior authorized through the Individualized Service Plan.

If a Support Coordinator has initiated a request to the Family Support Unit for camp funding assistance and the Individualized Service Plan (ISP) is approved prior to the camp date:

- The appropriate Respite service must be included and prior authorized in the ISP.
- The Support Coordinator must notify the Family Support Unit Specialist that the individual has an approved ISP so that FSU can notify the camp about the funding change.