

## CHANGES TO CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES

Idaho Medicaid is planning to simplify the way that children with autism and other developmental disabilities get the following services:

- Habilitative Intervention
- Family Training
- Therapeutic Consultation
- Crisis Services

If you are a parent of a child with developmental disabilities or a child who is currently receiving services through the Children's Developmental Disabilities Waiver or the Act Early Waiver, these changes could affect you.

Right now, Medicaid provides these services through waivers granted by the federal government. These waivers let us support additional services for children with developmental disabilities. We are making these changes because federal law now allows Medicaid to offer these services without a waiver. That means that all Medicaid eligible children with a need can get these services, even if the services are not a part of the Medicaid waiver program. If there are children who need more services than their waiver budget allows right now, they can also get additional services. Families can request those services using [this form](#).

That change also affects how we can provide waiver services. You can get more information on federal changes at the federal [Medicaid.gov website](#).

These changes are a challenge and an opportunity for Idaho. We want to work with Idaho Medicaid participants, families, disability advocates, and providers to make the most of the opportunity to strengthen services for children with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Planning and making these changes will take time. Planning has started and will continue through 2016. The target for beginning program changes is 2017.

You can get updates about this project on the Children's Developmental Disability Services [web page](#). We will have more information soon. We will also be providing opportunities for everyone to work with us on these plans.

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