Family Directed Services: Designing a New Medicaid Option for Families

As part of the Children's Redesign, The Department of Health and Welfare is designing a new Medicaid option called Family-Directed Services.

What is the Family-Directed Services option?

Family-Directed Services is a Medicaid option that is being designed for families who want a more hands on and flexible approach in determining the types of services their children receive and who provides them.

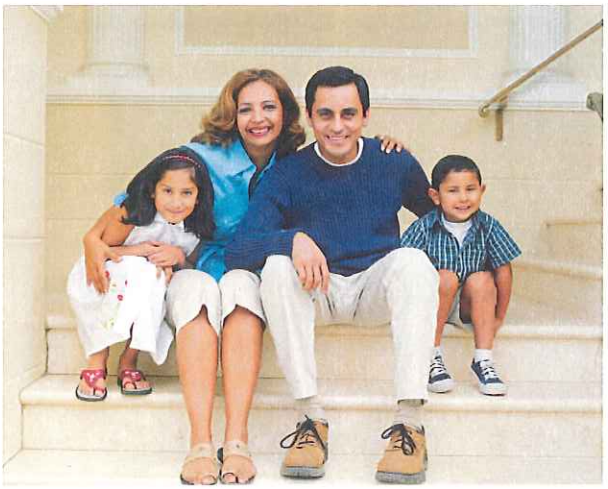
What benefits will be available with Family-Directed Services?

- An individualized budget, based on a child's strengths and assessed needs.
- The ability for families to purchase and direct the services their children receive in a flexible and individualized way.
- Orientation and trainings to give families the knowledge they need to direct their children's services.

Which families might benefit from Family-Directed Services?

Families who want to:

- Have more flexibility with their child's services
- Gain more control over the resources that are available to their child
- Hire people they know
- Supervise and direct their child's support workers
- Follow and manage an individualized budget that is based on their child's assessed needs
- Maintain records and monitor services and spending



Will traditional services still be available?

Yes. Traditional services will remain for those families who do not wish to access the Family-Directed Services option.

Can families start applying now for Family-Directed Services?

No. This option is being developed and needs to be approved by the federal government before families can begin the application process.

Where can I get more information?

As more information becomes available, updates will be posted at: **www.familydirected.dhw.idaho.gov.** and **www.redesignforchildren.Medicaid,idaho.gov**