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# TM COMMUNICATOR

## Important Dates

- August 17, 18, & 19 - Transition Manager Training at DHW Caldwell. (8:30—5:00pm)
- Aug 31 - Sept 3, 2015 - HCBS Conference. Washington, DC
- September - East Idaho Road Show (TBA)
- October - North Idaho Transition Manager Training (TBA)

## Transition Management Training

The next SW Idaho Transition Manager Training opportunity is coming up!

August 17, 18, & 19 (Current TM Update Day)

8:30 am - 5:00 pm Daily

3402 Franklin Rd, Caldwell, ID 83605

To Register call: Tammy Ray (208) 364-1889 or Cathy Pape (208) 287-1172

Or email: [IHCMFP@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:IHCMFP@dhw.idaho.gov)

Registration Deadline is August 7, 2015 \*\*\* Seats are limited so register early!

### Highlights:

Learn about the Idaho Home Choice Program.

Learn how to be a successful transition manager.

Two continuing education units are available for a small fee.

Update current transition managers with the latest legislative and industry updates.

## **Back to Basics - The IHC/MFP Goals:**

Idaho Medicaid received the Money Follows the Person grant in 2011 to help Idaho rebalance long-term care spending from institutions to home and community-based services (HCBS). This program, also called The Idaho Home Choice Program (IHC), helps transition individuals from an institution (skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facilities, or institutions for mental diseases) to community living in an apartment, private home, or a certified family home. The IHC will increase outreach to individuals in institutions and decrease barriers to transition. The goals of the program are to:

- Be a resident of Idaho
- Increase the use of HCBS and reduce the use of institutionally-based services.
- Eliminate barriers in state law, state Medicaid plans, or state budgets that restrict the flexible use of Medicaid funds to enable individuals to receive long-term care in the settings of their choice.
- Strengthen the ability of Medicaid programs to ensure continued provision of HCBS to those individuals who choose to transition from institutions.
- Ensure that procedures are in place to provide quality assurance and continuous quality improvement of HCBS.

Eligible persons must:

- Be a resident of Idaho
- Currently live in a nursing facility, ICF/ID, or an Institution for Mental Disease
- Have lived in the above settings for at least 90 consecutive days, excluding short term rehabilitation stays
- Have been eligible for Medicaid for at least one day
- Qualify for one of the HCBS waivers (Aged and Disabled Waiver or Developmental Disability waiver), or qualify for Medicaid State Plan Services
- Move to a "qualified residence" in the community.

Participants will be eligible to receive Medicaid Waiver or State Plan benefits, up to 72 hours of Transition Management from a Certified Transition Manager and up to \$2,000 of one-time Transition Services money for expenditures that are deemed necessary for the participant to live safely in the community.

Please visit [www.idahohomechoice.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.idahohomechoice.dhw.idaho.gov) for additional information.



### **Question of the Month:**

*Can Anyone be a Transition Manager ?*

No... Qualifications are: 1.) Bachelor's Degree in a human services field/health field or 3 years experience as a case manager or service provider, working with one of the targeted populations. 2.) Provide proof of successful back-ground check. 3.) Be affiliated with one of the qualified Transition Management Agencies. Please let anyone you think, that might be interested, know about our the August TM Training and as always, please call Cathy (287-1172) or Tammy (364-1889) with questions.

### **Noteworthy!**

**Thank you all, for your hard work to help make Idaho Home Choice a successful program! ~ Tammy**

**As of 7/29/2015  
We have transitioned...**

**288**