



MEDICAID DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

What are Children's Developmental Disability (DD) Services?

Children who are Medicaid eligible and have a developmental disability may qualify to receive home and community-based DD services. Children's DD services can be delivered via two pathways – the Traditional Pathway or the Family-Directed Pathway.

TRADITIONAL SERVICES:

- Respite
- Habilitative Supports
- Family Education
- Habilitative Intervention and Evaluation
- Family Training
- Therapeutic Consultation
- Interdisciplinary Training
- Crisis Intervention and Supports

FAMILY-DIRECTED SERVICES:

- Allows parents to choose, design, and direct services outside of the traditional menu of services within set parameters.
- Support Broker – families hire (or act as) a support broker to help develop and manage services.
- Fiscal Employer Agent – handles financial considerations.

How are children's DD services authorized?

The Department contracts with an independent assessor to determine eligibility for services and assign a budget. Budgets are based on the level-of-care needs of the child.

Once eligibility and a budget have been established, a case manager completes a family-centered planning process and develops a plan of service based on the family's needs and desires. Under the family-directed pathway, the support broker completes this process to develop a support and spending plan.

The Department and its contractors deliver case management services for the children's DD program, and also act as care coordinators to authorize services under the family-directed pathway.

What is the Children's System Redesign transition?

The new children's benefits have been available to families since July 1, 2011.

The final rules to discontinue children's developmental therapy, intensive behavioral intervention, and DD service coordination have been approved by the 2013 Idaho Legislature and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). **This means Intensive Behavioral Intervention, Developmental Therapy, and Developmental Disability Service Coordination for children will end on June 30, 2013.**

How can Primary Care Providers (PCP) help?

Encourage families who have not yet transitioned to the new children's DD benefits to do so as soon as possible. Families who have questions or need assistance with the transition may call the Idaho CareLine at 2-1-1.

Family Directed Services - My Voice, My Choice

The Family-Directed model is designed to give participants and their families more choice and control of services. With Family-Direction, families or the legal guardian are in charge of making sure the child's needs are met through the services and supports chosen.

By choosing Family-Directed services, families agree to work within their child's individual budget to:

- Hire people they know and decide the qualifications they want to require
- Decide how much to pay for services and supports
- Supervise and direct their child's support workers
- Decide when and where their child will receive services and supports

Families choosing to direct their own services have more authority and flexibility in using Medicaid funds; however, because these are public dollars, there are still parameters and restrictions on how these funds can be used. All purchases under Family-Directed services must still be determined to be medically necessary.

The Department will make the ultimate decision on whether or not a specific purchase is allowable but we need your help in determining medical necessity especially for non-traditional goods and services. We have developed the "Recommendation of Medical Necessity for Goods and Services" form to assist in documenting your recommendations.

What resources are available to learn more about children's DD services?

Visit the website at www.redesignforchildren.medicaid.idaho.gov for information including rules, guidelines, required forms, updates, and regional contacts. Also, please email the Bureau of Developmental Disability Services at redesign@dhw.idaho.gov if you have any questions about our services.