

# Family Directed Services Program Update Notification for Support Brokers

Past publications of the *FDS Program Update Notification* are stored on the FDS DHW website.



**Enhancement Project : Negotiated Rulemaking**

On July 4th, a Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules was posted in the Administrative Bulletin. Please encourage your employers to join Medicaid for a public meeting on negotiated rulemaking in their area! The Bulletin includes information on locations, dates, and times and can be found at the link below:

<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/bulletin/index.html>

### What is Negotiated Rulemaking and why is this important?

The goal of Negotiated Rulemaking is to improve the substance of the proposed rules, consider public recommendations for improvements, and seek consensus on the content of the rules that guide DD services for children. These meetings offer participants, parents, and providers the opportunity to comment on the proposed concepts about Children’s Developmental Disability Services. Meetings are scheduled over 4 total days and will be video conferenced to offices across the state including one live meeting in Boise.

### Unable to Attend?

If you or your employers are unable to attend, your feedback is still encouraged! Please review the Administrative Bulletin for information on how to submit written comments and recommendations

**on or before Friday, August 3rd, 2018.**

<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/bulletin/index.html>

### More Information:

Materials pertaining to the Negotiated Rulemaking for these services, including any available rule drafts, can be found on the Department’s main Medicaid webpage at <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/tabid/123/Default.aspx> in the “Rulemaking” section of the right hand column under the “2018” dropdown.

**FAMILY  
AND  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

  

**Family-  
Directed  
Services  
Program**

  

[www.familydirected.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.familydirected.dhw.idaho.gov)

**Inside this issue:**

Enhancement Project – Rulemaking	1
*State Plan *Ongoing Services *Eligibility	2
Free Choice of Provider	3
*Financial Apps *Reminders	3

# Family Directed Services Program Update Notification for Support Brokers

Past publications of the *FDS Program Update Notification* are stored on the FDS DHW website.



## FDS Exclusions and Limitations : State Plan Services

### What is a State Plan service?

State Plan services available to eligible Medicaid participants are described in IDAPA 16.03.09. Services provided through the Medicaid State Plan are not allowed under Family Directed Services. Idaho’s 1915i and 1915c Waiver agreements with CMS require participants to access those services offered through the State Plan and prohibits the approval through their FDS plan.

Some examples of State Plan services are Medical services, Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Counseling, Durable Medical Equipment, Prescriptions, Personal Care Services, School-Based Services, and Dental Services.

Idaho’s Administrative Rules website can be used as a resource to reference Rules associated with each program.

<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/>

You can find information on what may be considered Durable Medical Equip-

## Ongoing Service Requests

When a service is requested to continue into a new plan year (e.g. additional sessions of music therapy), you may receive a request for additional information to show the need for ongoing service. This may include requests for updated evaluations, status reviews, services plans, or recommendation from the attending care provider.

Case Coordinators are required to verify all approvals are the right service, at the right amount, by the right provider, in the right setting, for the right diagnosis. These requests assist the Case Coordinators to verify these requirements. As a support broker, we recommend to request up-to-date documentation showing the need for ongoing services when you collect the annual Goods and Services Form.

## Don't Forget! Verify Eligibility

Reminder : Always verify *current* eligibility when meeting with a family and participant to develop a Support and Spending Plan. SSPs cannot be approved if current eligibility is not verified by the IAP (Liberty). Case Coordinators cannot make any exceptions to this requirement. Utilize the Required Components Checklist as a reminder for the required components for submission and review.

Please contact Rachel Johnson (FDS Program Specialist) with any questions regarding this requirement.

Rachel Johnson : 208-334-0603 : [Rachel.Johnson2@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:Rachel.Johnson2@dhw.idaho.gov)

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

# Family- Directed Services Program

[www.familydirected.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.familydirected.dhw.idaho.gov)

### Inside this issue:

Enhancement Project – Rulemaking 1

\*State Plan \*Ongoing Services \*Eligibility 2

Free Choice of Provider 3

\*Financial Apps \*Reminders 3

# Family Directed Services Program Update Notification for Support Brokers

Past publications of the *FDS Program Update Notification* are stored on the FDS DHW website.



## Free Choice of Provider

In accordance with our waiver, the Department must ensure participants are offered “Free Choice of Provider”. This is defined as empowering a participant to select any willing and qualified provider to furnish their services. The waiver also defines a Support Broker as a someone who assistance participants and families selecting and directing their own services.

It has come to our attention there have been several instances when a Support Broker chooses not to work with a participant/family, either by quitting or otherwise, due to the providers the participant/family have selected. These instances have caused a family a delay in services due to an inability to find a Support Broker.

If you have concerns with a service provider or trouble working with a provider to complete your Support Broker requirements, please contact a Case Coordinator or the FDS Program Specialist to discuss these concerns. If these concerns/ issues are known to the Department, we will work to offer additional training or resources to you and/or the provider in hopes of increasing successful relationships.

To best assist the participants/families in our program and uphold the ideals of family/self direction, please let us know of any concerns, information, or training you may need to work with the participant/family’s selected provider.

## Adult Service Application and Katie Beckett

Clarification: **All children applying for Adult DD Services must complete a financial application with Self-Reliance. Katie Beckett does not allow billing for Adult DD Services.**

When a child has Katie Beckett eligibility for children’s DD services, this does *not* exclude them or prolong their Medicaid eligibility. The financial application must be completed for all applicants even for children currently Katie Beckett eligible.

Questions? Contact Rachel Johnson at 208-334-0603

## Paperwork Reminders

**Don’t Forget!** Please note in the body of your email why a SSP is submitted late (beyond the 45 day requirement or more). This assists us with data tracking in many ways.

**Don’t Forget!** If no revisions are made to a workbook at the annual submission (needs remain the same, no new concerns, etc.), ensure the family signs or initials the workbook to verify the information is current for the plan year.

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Family-Directed Services Program**

[www.familydirected.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.familydirected.dhw.idaho.gov)

### Inside this issue:

Enhancement Project – Rulemaking	1
*State Plan *Ongoing Services *Eligibility	2
Free Choice of Provider	3
*Financial Apps *Reminders	3