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Disability Services

Individual and Family Support (IFS) Waiver

Virtual Public Forum

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Purpose of IFS Waiver

- The IFS Waiver will allow District residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who live in an independent environment, either in their own home or with family or friends, to receive HCBS services and supports tailored to their specific needs.
- To meet the needs of individuals who can leverage supports from family or friends and do not need residential services.
- The IFS waiver offers the option for post-secondary education.

Brief Description

- The IFS Waiver will offer a full range of health and clinical services necessary to help persons with complex support needs and their families to choose an alternative to institutional service that promotes community inclusion and independence by enhancing and not replacing existing informal networks.
- Capped at \$75,000 per person, per ISP year.
- For people residing in their natural home.
- Residential supports and services will not be included in the IFS waiver.

Services

The nineteen (19) IFS Waiver services will include:

1. Assistive Technology
2. Behavioral Supports
3. Companion
4. Creative Arts Therapies
5. Day Habilitation
6. Employment Readiness
7. Family Training
8. Individualized Day Supports
9. In-Home Supports
10. Parenting Supports
11. Personal Care
12. Physical Therapy
13. Respite
14. Skilled Nursing
15. Speech, Hearing and Language
16. Supported Employment
17. Occupational Therapy
18. Wellness
19. Education Supports (NEW)

Education Supports Service (NEW)



- The new service, Education Supports Services, will consist of education (i.e. tuition for adult post-secondary classes) and related services as defined in Sections (22) and (25) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to the extent that they are not available under a program funded by IDEA or available for funding by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA).
- Education supports services shall be delivered in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the Washington, DC.



Education Supports Service (NEW)



Education supports services include:

1. Tuition and general fees for adult post-secondary classes;
2. On-campus peer supports that are designed to enable the person to function with greater independence,
3. Post-secondary education, and be integrated in the community;
4. Communication classes for a person who is deaf or hard of hearing; and adult education or tutoring for reading or math instruction.



Education Supports Service (NEW)



- May not exceed reimbursement of either \$35,000 toward tuition or one hundred twenty (120) credit hours for post-secondary education in the person's lifetime; and
- May not exceed \$5,000 per semester of on-campus peer support for a person taking at least six (6) credit hours of classes per semester.
- On-campus peer support cannot be reimbursed through education supports services when the person takes fewer than six (6) credit hours of classes per semester.)



QUESTIONS?

Written Comments on the propose NEW IFS Waiver shall be submitted to: leisha Gray, Director, Long Term Care Administration, Department of Health Care Finance, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, or via email at dhcfpubliccomments@dc.gov during the thirty (30) calendar day public comment period, beginning June 12, 2020 and ending July 13, 2020.

