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# HCBS Advisory Committee Fall 2023

*October 30, 2023*

# AGENDA

- I. Introduction
- II. Upcoming Policy and Procedure Updates
- III. Feedback on Participant Directed Services
- IV. Discussion around Behavior Support Plan Processes
- V. Questions and Answers
- VI. Summary and Next Steps

# Upcoming Policy & Procedure Updates

## Updates

- IMEU procedure is being finalized.
- DDA Case Transfer Procedure is ready to share for the next meeting.
- The Policy and Procedure on Participation in the Cost of Residential Services are being update to reflect increase in the personal needs allowance.
- Provider Training Policy is being updated to reflect Remote supports.
- Restrictive Control Review Committee Procedure has been under review.

# Participant Directed Services

## Summary of Public Feedback

**DDA should develop an assessment form specific to *My Life, My Way* to identify preferences of the person to be served, needs and support to be provided. Strengths of the person in managing *My Life, My Way* can then be discussed in ISP meeting before completion of application form for services.**

Response:

The strengths and support needs for all persons are discussed during the ISP meeting. People who are interested in self direction have an opportunity to participate in an orientation. The orientation is an opportunity to learn more about standards and requirements for *My Life, My Way*.

# Participant Directed Services

## Summary of Public Feedback

**Over and under utilization of PDS is indicated in this policy, however, the overall IFS expenditure has an impact on the termination of PDS and transition to IDD waiver.**

**If a person is in the borderline of exceeding the \$75,000 cap, then the overall expenditures of IFS waiver need to be monitored in addition to the PDS service utilization.**

Response: We agree.

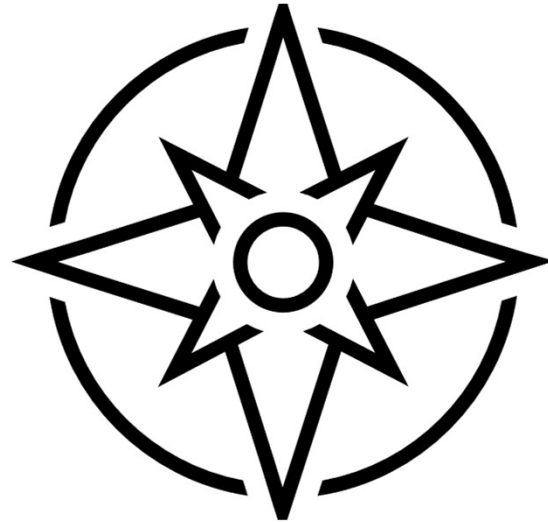
# Participant Directed Services

## Summary of Public Feedback



**Respite hourly is subject to Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) and this should be noted in the procedure.**

Response: Agreed. We will make the adjustment.



# Behavior Support Plans

Proposed Changes to the  
Restrictive Controls Review Committee Process.

# BSP

## Steps taken:

- BSP Focus Group held in 2020 resulted in recommendations.
- Received technical assistance around implementing a trauma informed approach to behavioral supports from Dr. Karen Harvey.
- Received technical assistance from NASDDDs around national best practice and promising practices.



# BSP

## Some Identified Challenges:

- Behavior Support Plans are written as clinical documents to provide information and data needed to assess the need for Restrictive Controls and ensure that supports are provided in the least restrictive manner possible.
- The current processes do not focus clinical resources where they are most needed.
- There is an underlying assumption that people taking more than one psychotropic medication will exhibit “target behaviors.”

# Questions and Answers





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## Summary and Next Steps

**Next HCBS Advisory Committee Meeting:  
Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> (tentative)**

