

# Senior and Disabilities Services

AADD Face to Face 9/28/18

# INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT WAIVER

- Go live 10/01/2018
- Updated ISW Data as of 9/24/18: Of the 600 individuals who were pulled from the Registry to be considered for the ISW:
  - 228 Individuals have been determined to meet an ICF/IID LOC for the ISW.
  - 8 individuals have been assessed and are in the scoring and QC process for LOC determination.
  - 18 individuals are in the assessment process.
  - 9 individuals are awaiting assignment to an assessor.
  - 28 individuals have submitted an application but it is not complete for a variety of reasons. The Division is communicating with care coordinators about what needs to be submitted, as only completed applications can move forward.
  - 233 individuals have been offered the ISW waiver opportunity but have not submitted applications, or have not responded at all. These individuals will be sent notices informing them that they need to submit an application to the Division or they will be closed (eg, the ISW slot held for them will be available to others)
  - 23 individuals have stated that they do not wish to pursue the ISW and were closed.
  - 3 individuals were found to not have a qualifying diagnosis for an ICF/IID LOC so don't qualify for the ISW.
  - The remaining 50 individuals were referred to other waiver programs such as APDD or IDD.

All individuals who have not responded have had at least two attempted follow up contacts. The IDD Unit will begin working through an active cleanup process in early October for those who have not responded to the Notice to Proceed. The cleanup process will allow vacant slots to be offered to those on the Registry.

# *ENABLING TECHNOLOGY GRANTS*

- Stakeholder group: SILC, SAIL, Kenai ILC, ATLA (plus SDS and HCBS Strategies)
- Entering the final stage of completing forms: application, Enabling Technology Plan, surveys (evaluation tools)
- Entering the final stages of operationalizing program structure with regards to: assessments, installation, training, and on-going monitoring
- SILC will soon be issuing an RFP for Telehealth Vendor who will offer on-going remote monitoring services

# ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV)

- Request for Information (RFI) will go out as soon as today.
- RFI is to gain information about EVV options.
- The RFI, in combination with the stakeholder engagement we have completed (with support from the Trust and Allison Lee), will provide the Department with information on to how EVV can be implemented in Alaska.
- Senior and Disabilities Services and Health Care Services are collaborating on this effort.

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Thank you AADD for coordinating working groups for both Companion and Family Habilitation. We have appreciated to amount of thought and work that have gone into presentations to the State. We look forward to working with AADD and other stakeholders as we move forward with both of these efforts.

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- Transition Services: The division has identified Transition services as a priority. Transition services may include home assessments for environmental modifications, authorizing case management for up to 60 days prior to transition from an institution, and Transition costs such as:
  - Lease/Rental security deposits;
  - First month's rent;
  - Utility security deposits;
  - First month's utilities;
  - Basic household supplies (e.g., cleaning supplies, dishes, drinking glasses, flatware, pots and pans, sheets, towels, window covering);
  - Essential Furniture (e.g. bed frame, box spring and mattress, dining table and chairs, dressers, sofa);
  - Moving expenses (e.g. moving vehicle rental, packing unpacking).

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- Adult Companion services : Non-medical care, supervision and socialization provided to a person age 18 or older.
- The Adult Companion service facilitates independence, promotes community inclusion, and prevents isolation. The service may also help a person work toward a community integration goal or maintain a habilitation goal contained in his or her support plan. The activities may occur in any community setting, including the individual's place of residence.

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Family Habilitation

- The Division has identified the need to correct how the service of family habilitation is currently managed through contractual relationships.
- The Division is working with our partners with the common goal being retaining a similar service structure, but with improvements.
- Important to know that any family habilitation provider currently can certify directly with the State. And, that will not change.
- Exploring the use of Organized Health Care Delivery Systems as intermediaries that guarantee quality services



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES GRANT FUNDS

- Grant funds awarded at the beginning of FY2019 are able to be used through December 31.
- At this point, we know of no additional grant funds that will become available after December 31.
- Individuals should be able to begin transitioning October 1, 2018.

# SAFETY NET

- Safety net funds are currently being used to provide services to 4 individuals.
  - Two individuals were referred through OBRA (Omnibus Reconciliation Act) and
  - Two were referred from the IDD Unit.
- Funds are managed by Stone Soup Group.

# SHORT TERM ASSISTANCE AND REFERRAL (STAR)

- STAR program will be conflict free as of July 1, 2019.
- The Division is looking to “rebrand” the program to better represent its function as the front door to home and community based services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Division is asking for input from recipients and providers on the new program name.

# WELLSKY

- Mediware has a new name! WellSky
- The Division does not have a set date for Care Coordinators to be in the system.
  - Division must first ensure that records are de duplicated.
- Currently working on Phase III, 278 report with MMIS. Plan is to pilot the 278 in November.

# NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS: STAFF STABILITY SURVEY

- This endeavor is a partnership between the Alaska Mental Health Trust, the DD Vision Systems Collaborative and SDS.
- The survey will collect data on turnover, wages, benefits, and recruitment/retention strategies. This will provide information on the impact of DSP workforce initiatives currently in the planning stages.
- Timeline:
  - January 2019 – a link will be sent to providers certified for I/DD and ISW waiver programs.
  - June 30, 2019 – deadline to complete the survey
  - Fall 2019 – Alaska data will be available

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