



# Community Forum

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Rhode Island  
Department of Behavioral  
Healthcare, Developmental  
Disabilities & Hospitals  
(BHDDH)

- Conflict-Free Case Management
- SIS Changes
- Service and Budget Changes
- Individual Budgets
- Employment Update

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# Agenda

# When Will CFCM Start?

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CFCM is targeted to begin January 2024.



For DD participants, thoughts are that individuals will role over on a gradual basis based on their plan date.



YOU will be contacted before any changes are made

# Current Status of CFCM

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- RFP has been developed and being reviewed by leadership
- CFCM Agencies have not yet been determined
- Core components of training for the Conflict Free Case Manager are being developed and future public meetings will be held for comment

# What is the role of my Case Manager?

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Learn about me



Develop a Person Centered Plan with me and my support network



Help me make connections to services and supports I identify in my plan



Check in with me and my support at least monthly or more if I chose



Monitor my plan and be sure I am getting the services and supports I have requested

# Division's Role

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- Transition
- Pre-Eligibility
- Eligibility
- Waiver Application Assistance
- Level of Need
- Funding / Authorization
- Reviewing Plan
- Customer Service
- Crisis Support
- Residential Coordination
- Quality Monitoring

# Questions

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- Who will be my new social worker?
- Who will write my plan?
- Can I still call BHDDH?
- Do my services change with CFCM?
- Will I have the same agency for services?
- If an individual does not have family and is not able to present his wants/needs, can agency staff be involved with that?
- What happens if I don't like the plan the new person writes?
- How will I get my plan writer? Will they be assigned? If I Self-Direct, will I still be able to pick who I want?

# Service Changes



SIS

Rate Review Service Changes



# Supports Intensity Scale

## New SIS changes

New SIS-A

Additional  
Questionnaire  
(validated tool  
TBD)

Individual  
Meeting

Ongoing Review of  
funding level at  
annual meeting

# Rate Review - Service Changes

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- “Day” will only refer to Center-Based Day Program
- Community-Based Supports has a broader definition
  - Includes the previous services of community-based day, prevocational, and overnight supports. Time of day/day of week distinction removed.
- Staffing ratios are no longer used
  - Rates for group services will be based on tier
  - Some services will have 1:1 rates, the same rate across all tiers

# Rate Review - New Services

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## Coming Soon

- Enhanced/Whole Life SLA
- Supportive Living
- Companion Room Board
- Peer Support
- Family-to-Family Support
- Remote Supports
- Discovery
- Personal Assistance in the Workplace
- Vehicle Modifications

# Individual Budgets

# Funding Changes

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“Tier Packages” will be replaced by a combination of funding

1. “Flexible Individual Budget” will be controlled by each individual based on their plan
  - Self-directed budgets include a line item for support brokerage. Funds can be added to it, but the minimum amount can’t be used for anything else.
2. “Fixed” items will be made directly to providers.
  - Includes residential payments (group home, SLA) and FI fees
3. “Add on” budget for services outside the Flexible and Fixed budgets
  - Includes residential payments (group home, SLA) and FI fees

# What is an Individual Budget?

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- The Individual Budget (IB) is a range of funding controlled by the participant to meet their anticipated support needs and desired outcomes.
  - No more limits on units; budgets will be determined by each individual plan with the individual's funding level.
- For people in group homes or SLA, the residential service is not included in the IB. It is paid to the provider and includes daily support time.

# Individual Budget

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**Individual Budget  
includes most  
services**

Residential and  
other fixed cost  
services are  
outside the IB

Employment is  
a separate  
add-on budget



# Individual Budget Categories

## Flexible Budget Services

Center-Based Day Program	Professional Services
Community-Based Supports	Support Brokerage
Transportation	Goods and Services
Assistive Technology	Remote Supports
Respite	

## Add-On Services

Employment Services	Vehicle Modifications
Peer-to-Peer Mentor	Home Modifications
Family-to-Family Support	

## Fixed Cost Services

*If approved for these services, the Division will pay for them outside of your individual and add-on budget.*

Group Home
Shared Living Arrangement (SLA)
Whole Life SLA
Financial Management Services (FI)
Supportive Living
Companion Room & Board



# What About My Individual Budget?

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Look for  
Information Sessions  
this summer

# Employment



# Targeted Employment Funds

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- Available to licensed DDOs or to people who are currently self-directing
- Fill out the Targeted Employment Funding Request Form on the BHDDH website and submit an Employment Plan with it
- Please submit any questions to the Supported Employment Email at [BHDDH.DDSupportedEmployment@bhddh.ri.gov](mailto:BHDDH.DDSupportedEmployment@bhddh.ri.gov)

# Technology Fund

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- Next round now open for submittals and closes on August 31, 2023
- The DD Technology Fund will continue throughout the next fiscal year.
- For more information and to access a Technology Request Form; [Technology Fund | Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals \(ri.gov\)](#)