



Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

Support Coordination: 2013 Age-Outs and New Presenters

April 15, 2013



Follow-Up from Previous Sessions

- ❑ Supports Program Overview & Support Coordination Info Sessions
 - ❑ Held in November/December 2012
 - ❑ Slides & link to videos available on Supports Program web page at <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/programs/supportsprgm.html>
- ❑ Changes to Timeline for SP Implementation
 - ❑ Stakeholder Input
 - ❑ Rate Study & Provider Recruitment



Phase 1 of SC Implementation

- ❑ “Interim System” of Support Coordination Services for:
 - ❑ 2013 Age Outs
 - ❑ New Presenters after June 1, 2013 (except CCW people)



Supports Program Overview

- ❑ Major DDD Initiative included in the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver
- ❑ Services/supports for individuals living in their own homes or with their families
- ❑ Provides Individualized Budgets (based on assessed level of need):
 - ❑ Employment/Day Supports
 - ❑ Individual/Family Supports



Overview of Support Coordination

- ❑ Mandated care management service
- ❑ Billed monthly
- ❑ Assist individuals in gaining access to needed services (program, State plan, other)
- ❑ Develop & maintain the Service Plan
- ❑ Provide ongoing monitoring



Key Information

- ❑ Distinct from Supports Brokerage (different service and separate agency)
- ❑ No mandated ratios at this time
 - ❑ Must be able to meet deliverables
 - ❑ Must report ratios, which will be monitored
 - ❑ Division may eventually institute caseload limits
- ❑ Must serve a minimum of 1 county & 60 people



Key Policies

- ❑ Zero Reject & Zero Discharge policies
 - ❑ SC Agency must accept all individuals
 - ❑ SC Agency cannot discharge individuals
 - ❑ DDD may discharge individuals for failure to comply with SP eligibility or policies
- ❑ Conflict Free policy
 - ❑ SC Agency must avoid any conflict of interest between the delivery of SC services & the delivery of direct services to the individual



Conflict Free - Preferred Option

- ❑ SC Agency is a separate & distinct business
 - ❑ Best practice
 - ❑ Separate Boards, CEO/staff, finances, etc.



Conflict Free – Acceptable Option

- ❑ SC agency may not deliver direct services & SC to the same individual
 - ❑ Must wait 6 months after providing SC services before delivering direct services
 - ❑ Direct service providers who want to provide SC must submit proposals to DDD for approval prior to application



Key Policies

- ❑ 24 Hour Coverage
 - ❑ SC Agency must ensure that Support Coordination services are available at all times (at minimal, phone contact)
 - ❑ Answering service is acceptable



Qualifications

- ❑ Bachelor's Degree or higher -AND-
- ❑ 1 year of experience in DD or care management/coordination in any social services field -AND-
- ❑ State, Federal Criminal Background checks and Central Registry check at the time of hire –AND-
- ❑ Completion of DDD required training



Application Process

- ❑ Follow the “Become a Provider” link for instructions to complete the Medicaid Provider Application.

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/programs/sppp.html>

- ❑ Submit the application to Molina
- ❑ Molina will review application & notify agency if the packet is not complete



Approval for SC Services

- ❑ Application and qualifications reviewed
- ❑ If pre-approved, DDD will send a letter and fingerprinting forms
- ❑ Agency executive officer is fingerprinted and background check completed



Approval for SC Services

- ❑ If approved, the SC agency will receive a MMIS provider number and the SC service code will be applied
- ❑ Providers must agree to adhere to the Provider Agreement and SP Policy Manual



SC Roles

- ❑ Manages Support Coordination services for each participant
- ❑ Individual Discovery
- ❑ Plan Development
- ❑ Plan Coordination
- ❑ Plan Monitoring



SC Responsibilities

- ❑ Using and coordinating community resources and other programs/agencies
 - ❑ Individual's family, neighborhood, community
 - ❑ Programs/services by other local, State, federal agencies
 - ❑ Using and making referrals as appropriate
 - ❑ Coordinating services between the agencies so DDD's compliment, but do not duplicate, services



SC Responsibilities

- ❑ Developing a thorough understanding of the services funded by DDD
- ❑ Ensuring services are utilized in accordance with the SP Policy Manual
- ❑ Interviewing the individual/family, reviewing assessments/evaluations, facilitating completion of discovery tools



SC Responsibilities

- ❑ Developing, distributing, reviewing, and monitoring the Person Centered Planning Tool (PCPT) & Individualize Service Plan (ISP)
- ❑ Knowledge of the approved providers & ability to match the provider with the individual



SC Responsibilities

- ❑ Obtaining prior authorization for DDD-funded services
- ❑ Follow up regarding delivery of services
 - ❑ Ensuring delivery of quality services
 - ❑ Provided in a safe manner
 - ❑ In consideration of individual's rights
- ❑ Maintaining a confidential case record



SC Responsibilities

- ❑ Reporting suspected abuse or neglect and following up as necessary
- ❑ Incident reporting
- ❑ Providing notice when services are changed, reduced, or terminated
- ❑ Notify DDD of any suspected provider issues



SC Responsibilities

- ❑ Entering information into the e-record within 5-10 business days of the event/activity that is being documented
- ❑ Ensure individuals/families are offered informed choice of service provider
- ❑ Notify individual regarding any pertinent expenditure issues or trends



SC Supervisor Responsibilities

- ❑ Review and approve all ISPs
- ❑ Provide, or assign as appropriate mentoring of new SCs during the ISP training process
- ❑ Ensure all qualifications, standards, and policies explained in the SP manual are followed



SC Deliverables

- ❑ Monthly contact
- ❑ Quarterly face-to-face contact
- ❑ Annual home visit
- ❑ Completed monthly/quarterly monitoring tool
- ❑ Completed PCPT & ISP (30 days from date the individual was assigned)



SC Deliverables

- ❑ Notes/reports
- ❑ Annual satisfaction surveys
- ❑ Reporting data to DDD



Person Centered Planning Tool

- ❑ Mandatory discovery tool used to guide the person-centered planning process and assist in the development of the ISP
- ❑ SC facilitates the development
- ❑ Completed by, or based on input from, individual, guardian, family and/or other people as identified



Individualized Service Plan (ISP)

- ❑ Identifies the individual's needs
- ❑ Describes the needed services to be provided and outcomes to be attained
- ❑ Directs the provision of safe, secure, and dependable support and assistance
- ❑ Establishes outcomes consistent with full social inclusion, independence, and personal/economic well-being



ISP

- ❑ Developed by a Planning Team
 - ❑ Individual
 - ❑ Parent or guardian, if any
 - ❑ Support Coordinator
 - ❑ Other identified people/support
- ❑ Informed by the DDRT, PCPT, additional assessment/evaluations, and other discovery tools such as the Information Gathering Tool



ISP – Plan Coordination

- ❑ SC is the Plan Coordinator
- ❑ Identify team members and schedule meetings of the interdisciplinary team
- ❑ Notify team members of Planning Team meetings
- ❑ Provide copies of all current evals/assessments team members



ISP – Plan Coordination

- ❑ Actively participate in team meetings
- ❑ Coordinate meetings of the planning team as outlined in SP manual
- ❑ Write the ISP
- ❑ Distribute copies of the completed ISP & PCPT
- ❑ Ensure all data is entered into e-record



ISP – Plan Coordination

- ❑ Monitor and review the ISP
- ❑ Complete other assignments as determined by the Planning Team
- ❑ Ensure the individual/family receive services to meet medical/functional needs
- ❑ Monitor/oversee budget



ISP Approval

- ❑ SC Supervisor – will review all plans and approve
- ❑ State Staff – will approve any plans containing non-standard services or services exceeding pre-set cost limitations
- ❑ State Staff – will approve any bump-ups and or services related to bump-ups



PCPT & ISP

- ❑ PCPT is currently available in PDF format
<http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/Documents%20for%20Web/PCPT%203-13-13.pdf>
- ❑ ISP is currently available in PDF format
<http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/Documents%20for%20Web/NJISP.pdf>
- ❑ Form versions of the ISP will be available by the end of April on the SP website
<http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/programs/supportsprgm.html>



Training – Online Orientation

- ❑ Through the College of Direct Support (CDS)
- ❑ Gives an overview of basic concepts – Support Services, Communication, Working with Families, Rights of People with Developmental Disabilities
- ❑ CDS System Administrators or go through DDD to gain access to courses



Training – Additional Requirements

- ❑ Mandatory prior to delivering services
 - ❑ Danielle's Law
 - ❑ UIR training
 - ❑ Prevention of Abuse/Neglect
 - ❑ Overview of DD – different than current version and will be renamed
- ❑ Within 30 days from time of hire
 - ❑ Medicaid 101



Training - Classroom

- ❑ Three Day Classroom Training
 - ❑ Person-Centered Planning
 - ❑ Building Collaborative Relationships
 - ❑ Problem-Solving and Conflict Resolution
 - ❑ Identification, Development, and Connection to Supports
 - ❑ ISP
 - ❑ Monitoring Supports



Training – ISP “Guided Practice”

- ❑ Develop 2 ISPs with support/review by an experienced mentor/supervisor
- ❑ If an agency is new to the Division, TA will be provided through the Regions in the interim to increase experience
- ❑ Useful Review Tool will be provided
- ❑ Verification of Review will be required



Training

- ❑ 7 SC classroom training sessions are currently scheduled (end of April – mid August)
- ❑ Registration online
- ❑ Can attend prior to becoming an approved SC Agency
 - ❑ Approved agencies will receive priority status if registration goes above capacity



Reimbursement

- ❑ Draft interim rate or final rate will be established through formal rate study (currently underway)
- ❑ Phase 1
 - ❑ DDD's voucher process
 - ❑ Send DDD voucher with necessary justification on a monthly basis
- ❑ SP Operationalized – Medicaid claims



IT – Electronic Record

- ❑ DDD will provide an electronic system which will house all pertinent data regarding participants of the SP
 - ❑ NJISP
 - ❑ PCPT
 - ❑ Case Notes
 - ❑ Contact Notes
 - ❑ Demographics
 - ❑ FEA/DDRT
 - ❑ Supporting Documents
 - ❑ Budget
 - ❑ Utilization
 - ❑ Prior Authorizations



IT – Provider Search Tool

- ❑ DDD will host a provider/service search tool that will assist SCs and individuals/families in identifying and linking to local service providers
- ❑ Search based on Keyword/Taxonomy, Service, Provider, or Proximity



IT - Claiming

- ❑ DDD will not provide electronic claiming software (ECS) for submitting claims to Medicaid
- ❑ Claims can be submitted
 - ❑ Through the Medicaid website - one at a time, free
 - ❑ Through electronic claims software – in bulk, a list of software is available by clicking on “Approved Vendor List” (left side of website) at <http://www.njmmis.com>



Indicators of a Quality SC

- ❑ Ongoing & Timely Communication & Follow-Up
- ❑ Meets deliverables on time
- ❑ Understanding of services/resources (beyond those provided by DDD) & how to access them
- ❑ Problem solver
- ❑ Flexible



Keep in Mind...

- ❑ Adjustments and changes will be made as implementation continues
 - ❑ PCPT, ISP
 - ❑ Training
- ❑ SCs will need to complete an updated training once the SP is operationalized
- ❑ Rates may not be finalized during this initial phase and could change



Summary of Differences

- ❑ Available services/supports
- ❑ Training
- ❑ Reimbursement
- ❑ IT



Questions?

Questions should be emailed to the
Supports Program Help Desk at:

DDD.SupportProgHelpDesk@dhs.state.nj.us