



## **Fee-for-Service and Contribution to Care**

Contribution to care applies to people who are living in residential placements funded by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), such as group homes, supervised apartments, or Community Care Residences with a trained caregiver. When an individual is enrolled in fee-for-service, he/she will contribute directly to rent and other costs as determined by the residential provider.

### **How is the contribution to care changing?**

When participants are enrolled in fee-for-service, they will directly contribute 30% of their gross monthly income to the residential provider for rent, plus an additional percentage as determined by the provider to cover other costs of care. DDD will not collect these fees.

### **When will the transition to fee-for-service happen?**

Initially, a "pilot" group of approximately 100 individuals will transition. Others will enroll - by selected group - in fee-for-service by June 30, 2018, except for individuals who live in Community Care Residences and Community Care Waiver eligible individuals who are living in out-of-state residential placements.

### **Will there be additional changes for people who live in DDD-funded residential placements?**

- ✓ Each person must complete the New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool (NJ CAT).
- ✓ Each person will select a Support Coordination Agency. A Support Coordinator will work with the person, family members, providers, friends or others as a planning team to develop an Individualized Service Plan.
- ✓ Each person who has DDD as his/her Social Security Representative Payee must designate a new payee. DDD no longer will serve as the Payee in fee-for-service.
- ✓ Each person, or his/her court-appointed guardian, will need to sign required documents that detail tenant rights.
- ✓ Individuals may be eligible and should apply for other assistance programs, such as LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) through County Welfare Agencies/Boards of Social Services.

### **How is funding and payment changing for residential programs?**

DDD-contracted housing cost payments will shift to a housing voucher model administered through the Supportive Housing Connection (SHC), a partnership between the NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency and the NJ Department of Human Services (DHS). Residents of DDD-funded homes will contribute a portion of their monthly income to directly to the service providers for rent and the SHC will pay the remainder of the housing cost to the providers via direct deposit.