

The New Jersey Department of Human Services  
**Division of Developmental Disabilities**

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**Stakeholder Input into Amendments to the  
Supports Program: An Informational Overview**

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# What is the Supports Program?

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- Part of New Jersey's overarching Medicaid reform
  - Submitted by DHS in 2011 to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as part of its Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver – approved October 2012
- Moves services from state-only funding to federally matched funding
  - More individuals served
  - Expanded services and supports
  - Access to services and supports for New Jersey adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who do not meet the Community Care Waiver (CCW) Level of Care

# What is the Supports Program?

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- Implementation of Supports Program in Three Phases
  - Phase One – Completed
    - ✦ Medicaid eligibility, NJ CAT, Individualized Service Plan (ISP), Support Coordination expansion, development of iRecord
  - Phase Two – In Process
    - ✦ Policy Manuals, Combined Application, Fiscal Intermediary, Day Habilitation certification process, Increased provider capacity, upgrading of iRecord, transfer from contract reimbursement to fee-for-service
  - Phase Three – Currently anticipated July 1, 2015
    - ✦ Implementation of fee-for-service system and enrollment of individuals on the Supports Program

# Where Are We Now?

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- Infrastructure currently being developed
- The Division plans to submit proposed amendments in January 2015
- Stakeholder review of current Supports Program waiver language
  - Supports Program Terms and Conditions
    - ✦ Included in Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver, which is available at: [www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/home/waiver.html](http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/home/waiver.html)
  - Supports Program Definitions and Limitations
    - ✦ Available on Division's Fee-for-Service Implementation web page at: [www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/programs/ffs\\_implementation.html](http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/programs/ffs_implementation.html)

# Proposed Amendments

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- Some areas for improvement and potential amendments have already been identified
  - By the Division
  - By Providers and other Stakeholders
  - To address items of immediate importance that are needed **BEFORE** Supports Program enrollment begins

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- Opportunity for Stakeholder Input
  - Submit comments on proposed amendments
  - Submit suggestions for additional amendments
  - Budget neutrality precludes likelihood of new services being added at this point
  - Once the Supports Program is implemented, there will be more opportunities to submit amendments, including the possible addition of new services

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- Stakeholder Input Process

All Division Stakeholders are invited to submit input:

**Monday, December 15, 2014 – Monday, January 5, 2015**

Input should be submitted electronically to:

**DDD.StakeholderInput@dhs.state.nj.us**

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## 1. Eligibility

*(ii.) “Are at least 21 years of age and have completed their educational entitlement”*

**BECOMES**

**(ii.) “Are at least 21 years of age”**

- Enables individuals who turn 21 to be enrolled on the Supports Program prior to graduation



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## 2. Exclusions

(i.) *“They are enrolled in another HCBS/MLTSS program, the Out-of-State I/DD programs, or the Community Care Waiver”*

### **BECOMES**

(i.) *“They are enrolled in another HCBS/MLTSS program, the Out-of-State I/DD programs, or the Community Care Waiver, **except that individuals who require private duty nursing may access that service from an MLTSS program and still remain on the Supports Program”***

- Amendment enables individuals to access private duty nursing services **AND** be enrolled on the Supports Program

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## 3. Disenrollment

*“Participants will disenroll from the program if they lose Medicaid eligibility, choose to decline participation in the program, enroll on the Community Care Waiver, no longer need support services, or no longer reside in New Jersey.”*

### **BECOMES**

*“Participants will disenroll from the program if they lose Medicaid eligibility, choose to decline participation in the program, enroll on the Community Care Waiver, no longer need support services, **do not comply with program requirements,** or no longer reside in New Jersey.”*

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## 4. Add two new Medicaid eligibility categories

“Non-DAC” Individuals

**AND**

Individuals who meet the income and resource requirements of the “Medicaid-only Community Care Waiver Criteria”

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## 5. Program Overview

*“...who live in their own homes that are not licensed by the State”*

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*“...who live in their own homes that are not licensed under N.J.A.C. 10:44A, N.J.A.C. 10:44B, N.J.A.C. 10:44C or N.J.A.C. 10:47”*

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## 6. Service Description: Behavioral Management

*Behavioral Management*

**BECOMES**

**Behavioral Supports**

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## 7. Service Limitation: Transportation

*“Reimbursement for transportation is limited to distances not to exceed 150 miles one way and only within the States of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware.”*

### **BECOMES**

**“Reimbursement for transportation is limited to distances not to exceed 150 miles one way. Transportation will not be available as a separate service when it is already included in the established rate for another service.”**

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## 8. Service Limitation: Supports Brokerage

*“Service/function that assists the participant ... in arranging for, directing and managing services”*

### **BECOMES**

*“Service/function that assists the participant ... in arranging for, directing and managing **self-directed** services”*

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## 9. Service Limitation: Day Habilitation

*“...Day habilitation is limited to 30 hours per week. Transportation to or from a Day Habilitation site is not included in the service.”*

**BECOMES**

**“...Day habilitation is limited to 30 hours per week.”**



# Next Steps

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- Compiling Stakeholder Input and submission of amendments for CMS approval
- Aligning with the State's transition plan to come into compliance with the new Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) rule.
- Evaluating implementation of the Supports Program to identify additional amendments as needed

*Thank you for your constructive  
comments and suggestions!*