**TennCare/DIDD Integration of I/DD Medicaid Services**

TennCare and the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) plan to convert DIDD's traditional waiver program and the private Intermediate Care Facility Services for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFIID) program to managed care, and to integrate those programs with the Employment and Community First CHOICES program. This is a big change that will have implications for those currently being served, as well as those who are waiting for services. More information is online at: <https://www.tn.gov/didd/for-consumers/didd-waiver-information/idd-program-integration.html>

The Tennessee Disability Coalition supports a transparent process for the integration of Medicaid services that involves the individuals it serves and maintains funding, service and benefits levels to continue to meet their needs in the community. The Coalition has worked with family leaders and partners to develop the following set of principles that must guide transformation.

A transformation of Tennessee’s Service Delivery System for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities brings both opportunities and challenges. Success must be measured by the degree to which individuals who are currently served are protected from disruptions in their lives, and/or loss of critical services.

This includes:

1. Maintaining at least the current level of services and benefits for individuals currently served by the state’s 1915c waivers. Indefinitely and without reduction.
2. Maintaining a system of Independent service coordination
3. Supporting individuals in appropriate community environments and preventing institutionalization.
4. Being funded at a level that ensures providers are adequately and equitably compensated so that they are to deliver quality and consistent services.

As a plan for an integrated system is developed it must:

1. Be developed based on the robust involvement and participation of all stakeholders, especially individuals with IDD and their families and representatives.
2. Meet the full spectrum of the needs of the heterogeneous population of people with IDD.  This includes adequate residential and behavioral health services
3. Provide for person-centered development and funding of individual support plans with measurable outcomes, goals, and objectives designed to enable each person to live as he or she desires in the least restrictive and most integrated setting that can be identified or created.
4. Provide for the continuous monitoring of each person's safety, well-being, and happiness and of the timely achievement of the goals and objectives of their choosing.
5. Direct all new money generated by the HMO tax to serving individuals who are not currently served.

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