



## Fact Sheet: Settings Final Rule and the Individualized Supports Waiver (ISW)

### ISW for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

SDS is focusing the next phase of its settings work on compliance for services that will be offered in the new Individualized Supports Waiver (ISW). This waiver is expected to be operational in March, 2018. CMS mandates that applications for new waivers include assurances that services will be provided in settings that are compliant by a new waiver's proposed effective date.

### Description

The new waiver will target individuals who are currently receiving services from the Community and Developmental Disabilities Grant (CDDG) program and individuals without supports; both must be on the Developmental Disabilities Registry and Review (DDRR). **The scheduled go live date for the ISW is March 1, 2018.**

### Process

In preparation for the implementation for the ISW, SDS will be drawing individuals from the DDRR based upon their score, to be assessed for ICF/IID Level of Care and eligibility for the ISW.

Effective **September 1, 2017** the SDS will draw **100** individuals per month until **600** have been selected to proceed with the application for the ISW.

### Services

Individuals who are approved for the ISW will have an annual budget of up to \$17,500.00 for services to meet assessed needs. Those services include the following:

- Respite
- In-Home Supports for ages <18 or Supported Living for ages>18
- Day Habilitation
- Supported Employment (including pre-employment tasks)
- Intensive Active Treatment for Adults
- Chore Services
- Non-medical Transportation
- Care coordination will a mandatory service, so is excluded from the individual's annual budget.

We are asking providers to be prepared to offer guidance/assistance to families and individuals who receive a notice to proceed letter stating they have the opportunity to apply for this NEW waiver. The letter will include instructions on steps potential applicants need to take.

The Notice to Proceed will include:

- Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) Information Consent Form
- Releases of Information (ROI's) for the respondents
- A Qualifying Diagnostic Certificate (QDC) form
- An Appointment for Care Coordination form
- An active Care Coordinator and Short Term Assistance and Referral (STAR) provider list, and a resource guide that identifies providers by region who are able to complete necessary diagnostic evaluations to move to LOC.

### Contact/Resources

Contact Caitlin Rogers at [Caitlin.Rogers@alaska.gov](mailto:Caitlin.Rogers@alaska.gov) with any additional questions or concerns relating to the ISW.