

# Medicaid Ad Hoc Work Plan for FY16

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## Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

**Goal 2.1** Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that promote consumer choice, flexibility and control of services

### *Objectives*

**2.1.2** Explore the use of technology and tele-practice as a way to increase services in rural communities.

**2.1.5** Review the CMS guidelines for HCBS Settings and Other Requirements (issued by CMS on 1/13/2014) and comment on SDS's implementation plan.

**Goal 4.1** Advocate for a minimum of 4 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that increase accessible public transportation options

### *Objective*

**4.1.1** Monitor transportation changes in Medicaid and waiver regulations/policies

**Goal 5.1** Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that improve employment opportunities

### *Objective*

**5.1.4** Advocate for changes in the State's I/DD Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Medicaid State Plan services around employment supports

**Goal 8.1** Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices each year that improve health and well-being

*Objectives*

**8.1.1** Develop and advocate for recommendations for Medicaid reform

**2.1.2** Explore the use of technology and tele-practice as a way to reform Medicaid.

Activities	Who	Target Date	Status
a) Research current telepractice in state.	Medicaid ad hoc, Entire Council	November 2016	Ongoing
b) Identify barriers and opportunities in terms of infrastructure; bandwidth, equipment, technical support, funding, etc.	Medicaid ad hoc, Entire Council	November 2016	Ongoing
c) Participate in an intra-committee groups.	Medicaid ad hoc	Starting Nov 2014	Ongoing, Monthly

**2.1.5 Review the CMS guidelines for HCBS Settings and Other Requirements (issued by CMS on 1/13/2014) and comment on SDS's implementation plan.**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Participate in any SDS sponsored workgroups and public input processes before plans are developed.	Patrick Reinhart, Britteny Howell, Rich Sanders	November 2014	Ongoing
2. Review draft plan, comment, and provide recommendations, including new and upcoming items related to planning and implementation of Medicaid expansion (CFCM, Transition plan on settings, reuse and recycling program, 1915i and k state plans, and other Medicaid reforms and changes.	Medicaid ad hoc	2018	Ongoing

**4.1.1 Monitor transportation changes in Medicaid and waiver regulations/policies.**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
After implementation of new regulations in changes, continue dialogue with providers on impact of changes	Medicaid ad hoc, E&T committee	October 2016	Ongoing
b) Participate in SDS and other community workgroups	Medicaid ad hoc, E&T committee	October 2016	Ongoing

**5.1.4 Advocate for changes in the State’s I/DD Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Medicaid State Plan services around employment supports**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Develop proposed regulations to clarify and expand definitions of employment services under the HCBS waiver system	Medicaid ad hoc, E&T committee	October 2016	Ongoing

**8.1.1 Develop and advocate for recommendations for Medicaid reform.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Research and make recommendations to the State of Alaska on the re-use and recycling of durable medical equipment and assistive technologies purchased by state entities such as Medicaid, DVR, the Trust, AHFC and Special Education	Medicaid ad hoc, DD Committee, full Council, Key Campaign	March 2015	Completed
Research reasons for increasing I/DD waiver costs and develop recommendations to present to SDS	Medicaid ad hoc	October 2016	Not Started
Research streamlining Medicare and Medicaid prior authorization processes	Medicaid ad hoc	December 2016	Not Started
Research Medicaid options for individuals using chiropractic care	Medicaid ad hoc	December 2016	Not started