

FAQ

1. Q: What will the cap be for SLS plans?

A: At this point the state is planning to keep the cap at \$35,000 per year. However, unlike past years, after July 1, 2009, all clients will be placed into funding tiers. A client's funding level will be determined by their SIS assessment scores. The Division for Developmental Disabilities will be distributing funding level caps for each level by May 1, 2009.

2. Q: After July 1, 2009, will families be able to be paid for providing services to my son or daughter?

A: The state is changing the rules regarding payments to families. Under the proposed rules, families can be paid in three different ways.

- First, you can become employees of a service agency. After being hired, you must be trained according to state guidelines. This might include such things as CPR, First Aid, incident reporting and client rights. You will be paid at the service agency's hourly wage. You will be able to provide any services that you are trained to provide regardless of whether your son or daughter lives in the family home or away from the family home.
- Second, you can become an independent contractor. An independent contractor must meet all DDD training, background checks and IRS independent contractor criteria. Independent contractors bill for services at the state determined rate and are responsible for withholding all appropriate state and federal taxes.
- There third option will be implemented in 12 to 18 months. This option is called consumer directed attendant services and supports (CDASS). This option allows the client or an authorized representative to locate, train, determine scheduling and wages for the individuals providing services. The client or authorized representatives can only direct services in the areas of skilled medical care, personal care and homemaker services. The care provider can be a family member. However, the authorized representative cannot be paid to oversee the services and can't be the person also providing services. The state will provide more information and training on this option as the details are worked out. This will happen some time after July 1, 2009.

3. Q: How can my son or daughter get a community job?

A: The first step towards finding a job for your son or daughter is to refer them the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). DVR has an enrollment process, and if your son or daughter meet eligibility requirements you will be approved for services or placed on a waiting list. If your son or daughter is found ineligible or placed on the state-wide waiting list, it is possible to use Supported Living Services funding to begin the job search

4. Q: Can I have my SIS assessment redone?

A: A new SIS will be conducted every three years unless a significant life change occur or If the interdisciplinary team feels that the SIS did not adequately capture the client's support needs.