

# SELF WAIVER FACT SHEET

## SELF EMPOWERED LIFE FUNDING

### **Enrollment Slated to Begin July 1, 2012.**

Waiver capacity is up to 500 individuals the first year, accumulating to 1,000 by the second year and 2,000 by the third year. Part of the aforementioned waiver capacity includes 100 children with intensive behavioral needs who will receive a state-funded waiver.

### **Eligibility**

Individuals must meet ICF/DD level of care needs and be willing to participate in self-direction. A pre-screen tool will be completed prior to enrollment. The 100 children with intensive behavioral needs must meet the criteria outlined on the Children with Intensive Behavioral Needs checklist in order to receive one of the state-funded waivers.

### **Flexibility in Budgeting Services/Predictability in Funding Levels**

Individuals self-direct where and how services are provided. Annual cost caps are \$25,000 for children and \$40,000 for adults, with some service-specific limitations built in to the waiver as well. Annual limits will be re-evaluated after the waiver becomes operational to determine appropriateness.

### **Supports Community Integration with Employment First and Community Inclusion Services**

Under SELF waiver policy, an explanation must be provided when an individual chooses an Adult Day waiver service that is not an employment service.

Community Inclusion services available with the SELF waiver support an individual's full participation in his or her community, such as personal assistance in the home or in the community with life activities.

### **Waiver Participants Receive Budget Authority and/or Employer Authority**

Everyone on this waiver will be required to engage in participant direction. Two components of participant direction are offered on the waiver: Budget Authority and Employer Authority

**Budget Authority** allows the individual to allocate their budget to waiver services however they choose, and to manage their budget accordingly. An individual must choose budget authority for at least one of the applicable services they select.

**Employer Authority** allows the individual to hire, fire, direct, manage, etc., their workers. The individual can either serve directly as the employer of record or enter into an arrangement whereby a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (e.g., a provider agency) is the employer of record.

### **Self-Direction Supported and Enabled with Two New Waiver Entities: Support Brokerage and Financial Management Services (FMS)**

Both new entities exist to assist an individual in directing their own services and budget:

A **Support Broker** provides representation, advice and assistance for coordination of day-to-day services, as well as helping the individual understand responsibilities related to acting as an employer of those providing services. The Support Broker will also help select providers and negotiate rates within a range. Training and qualification standards are required in order to serve as a Support Broker.

**FMS** entities have experience providing assistance with meeting financial obligations that come with employing someone to provide services, such as taxes and insurance. The FMS allows the individual to focus on services by assisting with managing budgets and taking out the necessary taxes/withholding to ensure the employment meets state and federal requirements. FMS will be paid as an administrative activity, contracted by DODD, and will not be funded using individuals' waivers.