

NEW WAIVER PROGRAM LAUNCHED!

The Individual and Family Services (IFS) Waiver has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid with an effective date of June 1, 2015. The IFS Waiver is designed to support participants age 3 and older in their family homes with a range of services and supports and annual benefit packages from \$1,200 to \$3,600 per year. The IFS Waiver is the fifth DDA waiver and compliments the Basic Plus, Children's Intensive In-Home Behavior Support, Community Protection and Core waivers.

Senate Substitute Bill 6387 passed by the Washington Legislature in 2014, directed DDA to convert the IFS Program into a 1915(c) Medicaid waiver in order to expand services available to DDA eligible participants.

Current participants on the state-only funded Individual and Family Services (IFS) Program will be contacted by their Case/Resource Managers and converted to the IFS Waiver at the time of their regularly scheduled reassessment over the next twelve months.

Services offered on the IFS Waiver include:

- Respite
- Speech, hearing and language therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Environmental accessibility modifications
- Vehicular modifications
- Specialized medical equipment and supplies
- Specialized nutrition and clothing
- Transportation
- Behavior support and consultation
- Specialized psychiatric services
- Staff/Family Consultation & Training
- Nurse delegation
- Skilled nursing
- Psychosexual evaluation
- Assistive technology
- Peer mentoring
- Person centered planning facilitation
- Supported parenting service
- Community engagement
- Apple Health (Medicaid)

DDA eligible clients interesting in the IFS Waiver may contact their DDA Case/Resource Managers to request the IFS Waiver and the specific services they need. DDA eligible clients without a Case/Resource Manager may contact the Regional No Paid Services phone number to request the IFS Waiver and the specific services they need. All DDA eligible clients requesting the IFS Waiver will need a DDA assessment as part of the application process.

No Paid Service phone numbers are:

- Region 1 North 1-800-462-0624
- Region 1 South 1-800-822-7840
- Region 2 North 1-800-788-2053
- Region 2 South 1-800-314-3296
- Region 3 North 1-800-248-0949
- Region 3 South 1-800-339-8227