

2014 Supplemental Budget

REDUCE NO-PAID SERVICES CASELOAD

Request	FY14	FY15	13-15
FTE	1.0	52.8	26.9
GF-State	56,000	9,955,000	10,011,000
Total	94,000	16,084,000	16,178,000

DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) requests \$16,178,000 Total Funds (\$10,011,000 GF-State) and 26.9 FTE to reduce the number of clients on the "No-Paid" services caseload waiting for services by adding 1,656 clients to the Individual and Family Services (IFS) program and 660 clients to the Basic Plus waiver. By funding this request, families will be able to continue to provide care for their DDA eligible family member living at home. By July 2015, this investment would reduce the "No-Paid" services caseload from approximately 13,500 individuals who are waiting for services down to 11,500 individuals.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

As directed by the 2013-15 budget bill, DDA reduced IFS award amounts by 40 percent, so that funds that had previously gone unspent could be used to support approximately 1,500 more individuals or families who were waiting for services. This change in award amounts will reduce the current "No-Paid" services caseload from approximately 15,000 individuals to 13,500. Of the 13,500 remaining individuals on the "No-Paid" services caseload, 8,500 individuals waiting for services live with and rely on their families' supports. These individuals are functionally and financially eligible for DDA services. If they and their families do not receive some kind of support, the odds of a crisis resulting in an out-of-home placement, including admission to a Residential Habilitation Center, increases over time. Many have been on the wait list for paid services for more than five years.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

The most expedient way to bring people into paid services is through the IFS program and the Basic Plus waiver. With appropriate staffing in place, DDA can add 55 Basic Plus waiver clients per month beginning in July 2014, and 138 new IFS clients per month beginning in September 2014.

Assuming the same ratio of award levels as current clients, the IFS distribution would look like this:

IFS Level	Annual Award	Assumed Client #	Assumed Cost
1	1,200	283	340,000
2	1,800	454	817,000
3	2,400	499	1,198,000
4	3,600	139	500,000

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Total FY15		1,375	2,855,000
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The Basic Plus waiver provides an even wider range of supports to help keep people at home with their families. The new clients would be from the NPS caseload, unlike the 2013-15 budget addition of 734 new clients targeted from high school transition employment services clients.

To assist with this unusually large recruitment and hiring initiative, there will also be three temporary project positions for Human Resources Specialists in the Human Resources Division, one located in each DDA Region for six months beginning in March 2014.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Approximately 2,000 existing DDA clients who live with their families will receive their first paid services. The IFS awards allow participants to use their award to pay for any of the following services related to, and resulting from, their disability, and identified and agreed to in the participant's Individual Service Plan, including respite, behavior management, counseling and equipment and supplies. DDA is also investigating a new Medicaid waiver option that would provide respite and potentially other services similar to those offered through IFS. Clients could then be transferred to the new waiver and the state could claim federal matching funds. However, this will be a lengthy process to achieve approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver that will not drastically drive entitlement costs for DDA or other affected parties such as the Health Care Authority.

Clients are expected to use 100 percent of their award amounts. Previously, only 60 percent of the award amounts were utilized, but the legislature directed DDA to reduce the award amounts 40 percent in the current fiscal year, so the assumption is that all service dollars will be used.

The Basic Plus waiver provides those services, plus others such as employment, personal care, and therapies. Once the client receives waiver services, it becomes a Medicaid entitlement.

Providing the paid services that clients want while still living at home will help steer DDA away from trying to manage a crisis-driven system of care that too often results in expensive out-of-home placements when the family can no longer cope on their own without additional supports.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

The ARC of Washington and the Developmental Disabilities Council will strongly support this initiative, as one of the main priorities of both organizations is to provide paid services to the eligible clients and families on the no-paid services caseload.