

Transition Workgroup

Goal: To develop a transition plan to fund individual supports from current authorizations to rates based on a person's level of need in accordance with the Legislative Rate Study Final Report.

Target Date set by the Legislative Rate Study Report:

Day Services- January 1, 2011

Residential Services – July 2012

Workgroups:

Day Transition Work Group – The Day Transition Work Group will develop the transition plan for all day services including group day supports, individualized day supports and Independent Supported Employment.

Residential Transition Work Group - The Residential Transition Work Group will develop the transition plan for all residential services including community residential settings, continuous residential supports, individualized home supports and community training homes.

Outline of Work

1. Day Transition Work Group:

- Develop a multi-year transition Plan for the contract service authorizations and the individual budget authorizations. The plan should include provisions to increase funding to established historical rates for providers below those rates.
- Review and recommend a rate structure for day services.
- Develop provisions for financial hardship.
- Develop provisions for a utilization review process and monitor attendance.
- Identify and review other issues that may impact implementation.
- Review the impact of collective bargaining agreements on the implementation of LON rates.
- Review the recommendations of the ISE work group.
- Develop a mechanism an on-going assessment to re-examine rates on a regular basis.
- Develop a process to continue to collect data for committee review and analysis to determine trends and impact.
- Recommend an appropriate index to compare rates.
- Plan to include both the steps necessary to transition to the LON based rates using the current appropriation as well as a methodology that would capture how a system with sustainable wages and benefit levels would operate.

2. Residential Transition Work Group – To be convened at a later date.