

Paying for Person-Centered Planning

As participants began to explore setting up initial person-centered planning services, questions had emerged about how to pay those providers who are not vendored when the participant may not have the funds to wait for a reimbursement from the regional center. In response, on September 3, 2019, DDS provided regional centers a guidance further clarifying the processes allowed for payments for initial person-centered planning in the SDP. The guidance reads in part “When regional centers are purchasing initial SDP person-centered planning services, which can include assistance in developing the participant’s spending plan, utilizing service code 024, ‘Purchase Reimbursement,’ regional centers may reimburse the provider directly.” Read the full September 3, 2019 guidance here: https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/docs/PCP_funding_for_SDP_participants_090219.pdf

Question of the Day

Q. How can a participant draft a spending plan for the first time without having hired the Financial Management Services agency yet?

A. Per the directive from DDS to regional centers regarding payments for initial person-centered planning services dated September 3, 2019, there is clarification that initial person-centered planning services “can include assistance in developing the participant’s spending plan.” Read the September 3, 2019 directive on the DDS website at: https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/docs/PCP_funding_for_SDP_participants_090219.pdf



Back to School!!

School’s back in session for Aaron and his big brother Sean! Their mom, Kelley, is delighted that the person-centered planning for Aaron to transition him into the SDP has resulted in a plan that made his transition into Kindergarten easier too. She said the planning helped them all to “focus on his life, what he wants, what’s important to him, and what it would be like if he had that life.” Kelley shared that the PCP has been “so valuable to share with his teachers, his therapist...it goes beyond the Self Determination Program and I wasn’t expecting that. We have been able to share and talk with the school about inclusion, independence, and safety and what that looks like for him.” Read more about person-centered planning and SDP at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/faq.cfm>

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SELF -DETERMINATION?

- ◆ Visit the Self-Determination Page of the DDS website at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/>
- ◆ Attend a Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting, contact your Regional Center or Local State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Regional Office
- ◆ The State Council on Developmental Disabilities recently launched a Facebook page devoted to the Self Determination Program at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CA.SDP.Forum/>