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**Additional Information on Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act**

At this time the Federal regulations that will govern the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act are proposed regulations. Public comment will be taken by the Federal government through September 21, 2015 and a public hearing in DC is scheduled for October 14, 2015. Until the enabling legislation is enacted and the regulations are promulgated no one in New York State will be able to set up an ABLE account. OPWDD will revise the Benefit Development Guide to include the ABLE Act once it is enacted. To learn more visit:

<http://www.ndss.org/Advocacy/Legislative-Agenda/Creating-an-Economic-Future-for-Individuals-with-Down-Syndrome/Achieving-a-Better-of-Life-Experience-ABLE-Act/>

**Questions and Answers from the Outside Services Changes WebEx Sessions**

OPWDD has posted two documents that answer questions regarding how certain services will be reimbursed for people who live in Individual Residential Alternatives (IRAs), Community Residences (CRs) and Family Care Homes effective 10/1/15. The questions and answers document from the May 2015 WebEx sessions can be accessed via the following link:

[http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd\\_services\\_supports/people\\_first\\_waiver/news/Outside\\_Services\\_Changes\\_Overview](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/people_first_waiver/news/Outside_Services_Changes_Overview)

The second document dated July 17, 2015, which can be accessed via the following link, reflects changes since the May 2015 WebEx sessions.

<http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/6097>