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### **Individualized Service Plan (ISP) Instructions Appendix Has Been Updated**

OPWDD has updated the Individualized Service Plan (ISP) Instructions Appendix page. This page of the ISP Instructions provides a listing of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), frequency, and duration which corresponds to the billing unit of service and how it should be listed in the Waiver section of the ISP. This document can be accessed at the following link:

[http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd\\_services\\_supports/service\\_coordination/medicaid\\_service\\_coordination/documents/ISP\\_Instructions\\_Final](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/service_coordination/medicaid_service_coordination/documents/ISP_Instructions_Final)

### **Certified Residences and Individual Day Habilitation Changes**

On Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, OPWDD will be hosting two WebEx sessions that will focus on the general overview of all 10/1/15 and 1/1/16 service changes. Please sign up for **ONE** of the two sessions being offered on 9/24 as the content will be the same for each session. Attendees will be limited for each session to maintain quality so we encourage multiple participants from the same agency to listen in as a group in one location if possible. We encourage all service coordinator supervisors, service coordinators, residential, day and Article 16 clinic providers to participate.

#### **Background Information:**

October 1, 2015 changes affect the funding for Supervised and Supportive IRA providers, Family Care Homes and Community Residences.

- After 10/1, Supervised IRA and CR providers are responsible for paying for or providing nutrition services related to residential habilitation as well as certain psychological services related to residential habilitation.
- After 10/1, Supportive IRA and Family Care providers must pay for all Aide services in the residence, including personal care services, home health aide services, homemaker services, and consumer directed personal assistance programs. The Supportive IRA and Family Care provider will also be responsible for paying for Supplemental Day Hab. No separate Medicaid billing will be allowed for these services.
- Effective 10/1/15, Individual Day Habilitation (IDH) and Supplemental Individual Day Habilitation (SIDH) will be terminated.
- The termination of IDH is necessary due to the October 1, 2014 expansion of Community Habilitation (CH) services.
- This expansion of eligibility will allow individuals residing in OPWDD certified settings to utilize CH services in lieu of part or all of their day services.

January 1, 2016 changes affect Article 16 clinic providers in terms of provision of off-site clinical services.

- Such provision of direct clinical services (OT, PT, SLP, Psychotherapy) must be delivered in a certified off-site satellite office or in a main office; not in a residence or Day Habilitation site.

- Creation of a new state plan option (Preventive Services SPA) to replace 'off-site' services.

**Please register for one of the following sessions (registration is limited)**

Session 1: Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30am. Register here:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/onstage/g.php?MTID=ebd3ef29c8840996bddcfa68643905de8>

Session 2: Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00pm. Register here:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8a646f255012b1104277d74782200d8d>

### **Personal Allowance Training**

The Personal Allowance Videoconference is scheduled from 9:00 am -12:00 pm on November 9, 2015. The videoconference should be attended by any agency staff who audit the use of Personal Allowance and staff who handle or oversee staff who handle Personal Allowance for OPWDD individuals residing in certified living arrangements.

The session will begin at 9 am. Please let your staff know that participants arriving after 9:10 am will not receive certification for attending the session. Participants attending at 25 Beaver Street, NYC must allow extra time to sign in to security. Late arrivals may not be allowed into the building.

Registrants need to check back on the registration site a week before the training to access the course materials. It is the registrant's responsibility to print the handouts prior to the training. Handouts will not be available at the video conference sites. Registration for this training is open at the following link: [http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp\\_catalogg1330.jsp](http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogg1330.jsp).