



PEOPLE FIRST
1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER

Discussion Board Meeting

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Agenda

- Role of Waiver Discussion Boards
- Why the People First Waiver is necessary
- Basic Facts about the People First Waiver
 - What the Waiver is and is *NOT*
 - Basic Financial Facts
 - Key Outcomes
 - Process: Development through Implementation
 - Key Areas of Reform: Integrated Care, DISCOs, Care Coordination, Quality
- Q and A



Function of Waiver Discussion Boards

- Receive regular updates from OPWDD
- Share information with individuals & families not on the Discussion Board
- Provide valuable input via VC updates



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So, Why do an 1115 Waiver?

It's not just about the here and now.

Its about where we are **nOW** and where we'll be in a **decade** and the years following that.

Its about coming together as a community to plan for a future that is shaped by us, not 'for' us.





The People First Waiver – a way to weather Medicaid Reform

- New York's Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) and changes in State law
 - Expand Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment and
 - Mandatory Managed Long-Term Care Plan Enrollment.
- The waiver will take advantage of the best parts of managed care, while avoiding the “medicalization” of our specialized system of support for people with DD.



Vision for the Future

To establish a person-centered service system that delivers coordinated care with funding that is transparent and targeted to needs.

Main Elements of Reform:

1. Creating a Person-Centered, Demand-Oriented System

- Valid Needs Assessment
- Equitable Resource Allocation
- Choice of plans, providers and services

2. Enhancing Care Coordination and Person-Centered Planning

- “No Wrong Door”
- Designed to comprehensively meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities

3. Enhancing Community-based Services

4. Modernizing the Financial Platform

- Transparent funding streams that support individuals, not programs





The People First Waiver

IS:

- A Research & Demonstration waiver to redesign the DD service system for improved effectiveness, efficiency, equity and sustainability.
- An opportunity to implement reforms that establish person-centeredness, choice, quality, and community as the foundation of the new system.
- An opportunity to coordinate the services of OPWDD with other agency and community services and with NYS's health care reform.

The People First Waiver

is NOT:

- Something that will happen overnight.
- An answer to every problem we may face.
- A Medicaid Block Grant to cap spending on individuals.
- A means to achieve budget reductions.
- A means to restrict or expand eligibility.



Basic Financial Facts about the Waiver

- Comprehensive waiver that includes all funding for all Medicaid Services used by people with developmental disabilities
- Secures current funding levels, while allowing NYS to make essential reforms



Key Outcomes to be Demonstrated:

- 1. Improved care coordination** – especially important for people with complex medical and behavioral health needs.

- 2. Enhanced care and satisfaction, lower Medicaid costs** – Through true person-centered planning, greater flexibility in service delivery and more options for self-determination.



Key Outcomes to be Demonstrated:

- 3. Greater efficiency & accountability** – through a new reimbursement mechanism.
- 4. An expanded range of community-based services** that will allow people to live and receive services in the most integrated settings possible.



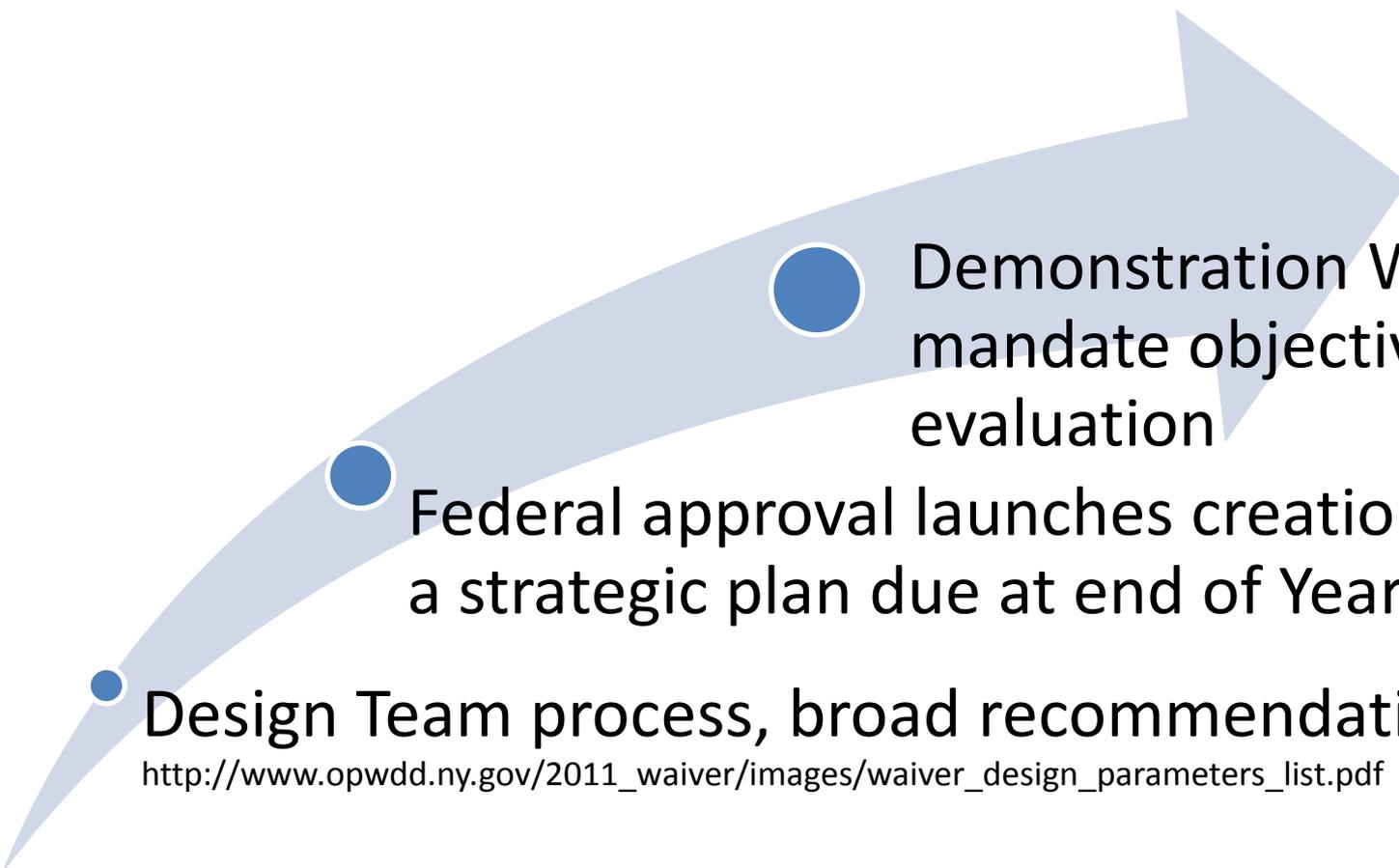
Key Outcomes to be Demonstrated:

5. **“No Wrong Door” access to Medicaid services**
- through redesigned assessment tools and eligibility processes.

6. **Improved health and safety outcomes** - through a comprehensive quality management system that is driven by personal outcomes and system performance.

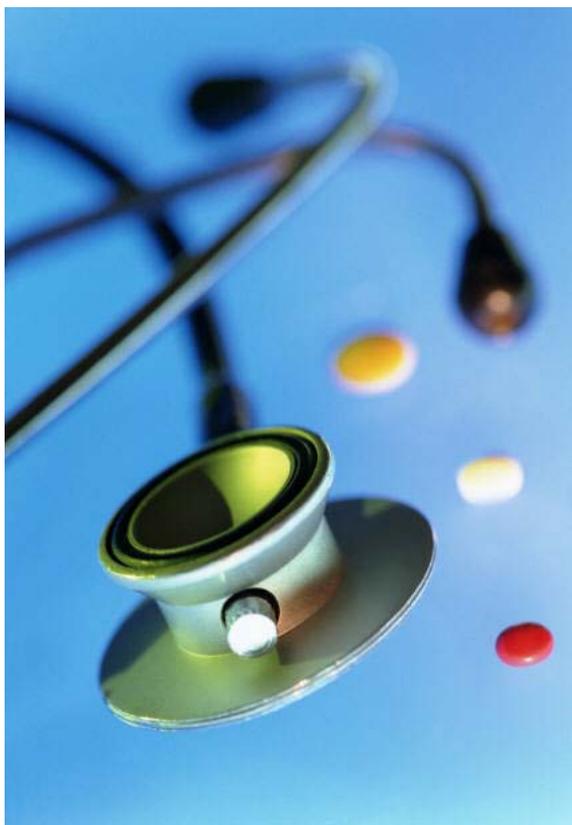


A Five-Year Reform Process

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- Design Team process, broad recommendations
http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/2011_waiver/images/waiver_design_parameters_list.pdf
 - Federal approval launches creation of a strategic plan due at end of Year 1
 - Demonstration Waivers mandate objective evaluation



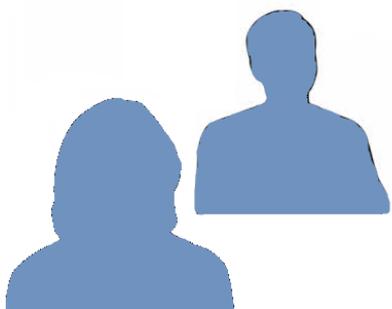
Integrated Care



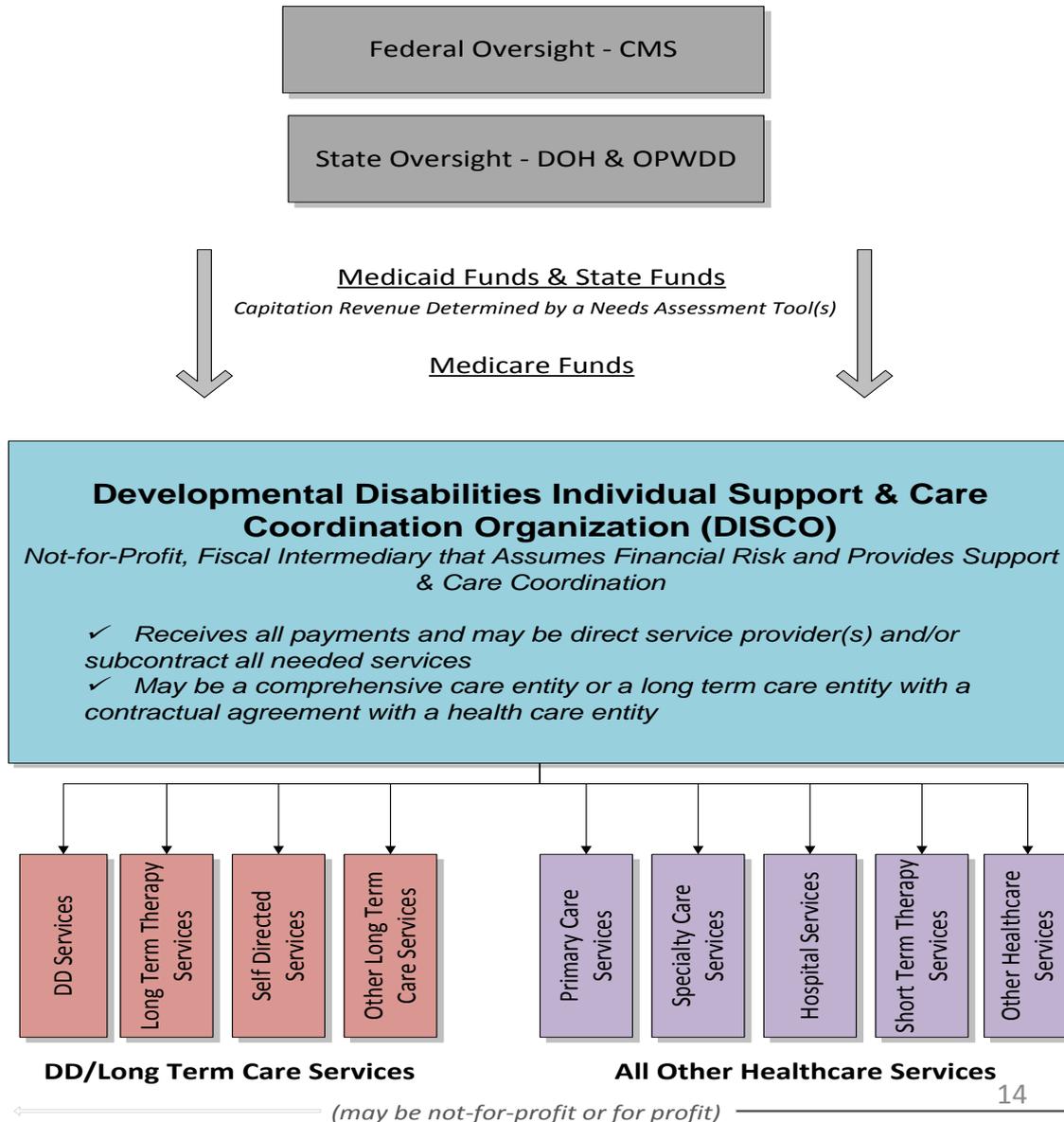
- Better information sharing and clinical outcomes
- The design will ensure increases in a person's medical costs do not diminish funding for long-term supports.
- If pilot projects can demonstrate medical savings, we want savings to be used to support expanded habilitation supports.



What does the recommended financial platform look like?



Choice





Does the DISCO take the financial risk?

- The DISCO will ultimately assume full financial risk for meeting each person's service needs within its capitation revenue.
- Initially, there may be some form of “risk mitigation strategy” while they gain experience operating in a risk environment.



What will Care Coordination look like?

- A person-centered, interdisciplinary team approach.
- Core functions include assessment, care planning, referral to services, monitoring of services, and advocacy.
- Care plans will be shaped by individual, family and advocate involvement.



How will quality be addressed?

- Continuing accountability for health and safety
- Quality will focus more on the identified personal outcomes for individuals.
- Agencies will establish systems for self-assessment and quality improvement.
- An agency's quality rating will be made available to the public through a variety of means.



Next Steps

- Continued negotiations with CMS to finalize a waiver agreement.
- Preparation for Pilot Projects: Analysis of RFI input, Pilot Application Process
- Development of Reform Work Plan and Advisory Body
- Extensive Continued Public Dialogue
 - Bi-monthly Updates with Provider Agencies
 - Monthly updates with individuals and families
 - Continued use of Web page



Next Waiver Discussion Board VC

- February 14, 2012 at 5 pm
- Brief Update
- Discussion Boards share their outreach and comments received
- Discussion of a Key Reform Outcome
- Q&A



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Where can I get more information?

People First Waiver Web page:

www.opwdd.ny.gov/2011_waiver/index.jsp

People First e-mail address for comments and questions: People.First@opwdd.ny.gov

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