



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

The First Phone Call 24/7 an Individual and Family Make is to the Support Coordinator.

Supporting Individuals with I/DD in All Aspects and at Every Stage of Their Lives in the Community

Thank You and an Update

We have learned that under-resourced programs and services are particularly vulnerable in times of crisis and that people with IDD are disproportionately impacted by poverty issues, mental health challenges and sexual assault. One of the first lines of defense 24/7 in the community is the support coordinator. And when not preventing crises, they are beside our population as they find their place and build their lives. The requirement to have a college degree in a related field recognizes that the Support Coordinator is committed to a career in human services and signals that they possess the necessary perseverance and self-direction, management skills and maturity to do the job.

We are pleased to report that though we were unable to secure an increase in the FY'22 Budget DDD saw fit to continue their internal advocacy and were successful in securing a rate increase to match the SC educational level that they require through March 2024 using additional federal FMAP dollars, approved by CMS on October 19, 2021, effective November 1, 2021.

High quality care coordination for our adult IDD population is too fundamentally important to do poorly. We thank the Murphy Administration, DHS and DDD for acknowledging this and including the increase in the FMAP dollars through March of 2024. We will work to ensure during the FY'24 budget deliberations the current rate will continue to match the SC education level that this Administration rightly requires.

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