



**Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities**

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

FY 2027 NJ State Budget

Funds Needed to Ensure Remote Supports Become a Reality for Individuals with Intellectual
and Developmental Disabilities

Technological and Moral Progress

Remote Supports (RS) are a means by which to deliver Division of Developmental Disabilities Waiver services to maximize the level of self-dependence chosen by and appropriate for the individual. Examples of RS include:

- A motion-based sensor to identify a door that has been opened or to monitor general movement in a group home.
- A stove monitor to allow for safer cooking in a supervised apartment.
- A bi-directional audio or video device to allow for immediate contact by the individual with a support professional.

The use of RS will enable individuals to live independently in the community, work in competitive integrated environments, participate in inclusive community activities, improve their quality of life, and increase their safety, health, and privacy. In addition, considering the current workforce shortage, where appropriate and safe, RS will help minimize passive staffing.

Currently, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is prioritizing the acceleration of technology to help make smarter clinical decisions and to supplement (and not replace) what clinicians do.

RS challenges the idea that all individuals require around the clock on-site staff monitoring for health and safety and instead allows individuals with I/DD to lead lives with greater independence. In this regard, RS represents both technological and moral progress.

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