Is the Consumer Choices Option for you?

The Consumer Choices Option is an option that is available under the HCBS waivers. This option will give you control over a targeted amount of Medicaid dollars. You will use these dollars to develop an individual budget plan to meet your needs by directly hiring employees and/or purchasing other goods and services. The **Consumer Choices Option** offers more choice, control and flexibility over your services as well as more responsibility.

- **Do you want more control over how waiver Medicaid dollars are spent on your needs?**
- **Do you want to be the employer of the people that provide support to you?**
- **Do you want to be responsible for recruiting, hiring and firing your workers and service providers?**
- **Do you want to be responsible for training, managing and supervising your workers and service providers?**
- **Do you want the flexibility to be able to purchase goods or services in order to meet your needs?**

Additional help is available if you choose this option. You will choose an **Independent Support Broker** who will help you develop your individual budget and help you recruit employees. You will also work with a **Financial Management Service** that will manage your budget for you and pay your workers on your behalf.

If you feel the **Consumer Choices Option** is right for you, your case manager/services worker can provide help with accessing this option.
More information can also be found at the website:
www.ime.state.ia.us/HCBS/HCBSConsumerOptions.html

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