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