Federal Rebalancing Initiatives

State of Iowa

2013

Money Follows the Person

- Five-year federal grant
- Goal: Successfully transition individuals with disabilities from a facility setting (ICF/ID) to a community based setting
- Currently available for individuals diagnosed with an Intellectual Disability or Brain Injury

Money Follows the Person

- Grant dollars can used for:
  - Transition planning services
  - Supportive services (e.g. Home Health Aid, Transportation, Nursing, Consumer-Directed Attendant Care)
  - Initial household setup costs
  - Clothing
  - DME

Money Follows the Person

- Transition Specialists
  - Organizes team of people chosen by individual
  - Coordinates preparatory activities for transition
  - Coordinates necessary services
  - Conducts regular follow-up

Medicaid Infrastructure Grant

- Increase Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities
- Increase Employment Earnings for Medicaid Members

Medicaid Infrastructure Grant

- How to Provide Incentives for Employment to:
  - Employers
  - Medicaid Members
  - Families

Medicaid Infrastructure Grant

- Added Medicaid for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MEPD)
- Evaluate Statewide Employment Programs

Balancing Incentive Program (BIP)

- Grant released as part of the Patient Protections and Affordable Care Act Section 10201
- Goal: Increased FMAP to “states that undertake structural reforms to increase access to non-institutional long-term services and supports (LTSS)”

Balancing Incentive Program (BIP)

- States must reach 50% threshold for community based LTSS by September 2015
- $3 Billion set aside for enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)
- Iowa received an additional 2% FMAP for structural changes

Required Structural Reforms

- No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point (NWD/SEP) System
- Conflict-Free Case Management Services
- Implementation of Core Standardized Assessments

NWD/SEP System

- Must be consistent statewide
- Must enable equal access to all available LTSS
- Must provide eligibility information
- Must provide referral and follow-up
- Must facilitate financial and functional eligibility

NWD/SEP System

Consists of:

- Network of designated SEP agencies
- Website
- Statewide 1-800 number

Conflict-Free Case Management

- Agency policies and firewalls protect member choice
- Prevent conflict of interest in assessment and LTSS referral

Core Standardized Assessment

- Uniform assessments to determine individual need
- Promotes person-centered approach to needs assessment
- More accurate reflection of individual need prevents over- and under- utilization