

PRESERVE THE IBUDGET WAIVER



WHAT IS THE IBUDGET WAIVER?



The Florida Medicaid iBudget Waiver is a program that provides home and community services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The iBudget program helps people stay involved in the community and avoid going into institutions.

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) will focus on the iBudget Waiver as a top priority in 2021. FDDC wants to make sure that each person's services will not be cut, and are matched to their special needs.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic created many financial problems, and Florida's Governor was forced to make budget cuts. However, money is still available from other sources. FDDC will work in 2021 to ensure the iBudget Waiver program is protected.





FDDC wants to make sure that the iBudget Waiver has the same funding or more in 2021 that it had in 2020.

The goal is to make sure that people with I/DD who rely on the iBudget Waiver will not have their services cut.

WHAT'S NEXT?

FDDC recommends the following steps to preserve the iBudget Waiver.

- 1.** Make sure there are correct estimates of what services are needed and how many people will use them, as more people are needing support every year.
- 2.** Make sure there is enough money to move people off the iBudget Waiver waitlist. The waitlist should be reduced by 10% each year.
- 3.** Increase the rates that direct service providers are paid for all Personal Support iBudget Waiver services.

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