



## **Community-Based Services DD Waivers**

Each biennium, the Nebraska Legislature appropriates Program 424, DD Aid to the Division of Developmental Disabilities, to provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. In Nebraska Revised Statutes § 83-1216 (4) the Division is mandated to maximize this funding by requiring that “all Nebraska residents eligible for funding for specialized services under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act shall apply for and accept any federal Medicaid benefits for which they may be eligible and benefits from other funding sources. . .” The Division accomplishes this mandate primarily through the utilization of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers that provide federal matching funds through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to supplement the DD Aid appropriated by the State.

CMS provides federal funding for developmental disability services through Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act. This provision allows states to provide services to target populations at risk of institutionalization, such as individuals with developmental disabilities. More information on the CMS requirements for 1915(c) waivers can be found at: [https://www.cms.gov/medicaidstwaivprogdemopgi/05\\_hcbstwaivers-section1915\(c\).asp](https://www.cms.gov/medicaidstwaivprogdemopgi/05_hcbstwaivers-section1915(c).asp).

The Division provides services to individuals in Nebraska primarily through two adult waivers and one children’s waiver. In 2011, after consultation with technical assistance personnel provided by CMS and gathering input from stakeholders, the Division revised its waivers to expand the services available to individuals in the community. The Division recognized the need to provide for more person-centered practices to allow people with developmental disabilities to work and participate in their communities as fully as possible. Copies of these waivers, and videos that describe the services provided in these revised waivers, may be found at: [http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/Developmental\\_Disabilities/ddservices.htm](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/Developmental_Disabilities/ddservices.htm).

For your reference, a summary of the DD Specialized Services is included herein. A copy of the DVD that includes the video descriptions of our services is also provided.

**Attachment: Attachment A to for year 2012-2013 Contract**