

**NEBRASKA DDD WAIVER WORKGROUP: SERVICE DEFINITIONS**  
**JUNE 21, 2016**

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**Next Meeting (date/time):** July 12, 2016; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level F.

Call-in meeting option: 888-820-1398, attendee code 5879928#

**Agenda:** Continue discussion of service definitions and rate setting.

Topic	Person Responsible	Discussion	Action Item
Rate Methodology	Kian Glenn	<p><b><u>Navigant Presentation</u></b> (6/21/16)            Kian Glenn and Jim Pettersson presenting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Standardize Rates</li> <li>○ Facilitate Regular Updates</li> <li>○ Reflect Participant Needs</li> <li>○ Increase Transparency</li> <li>○ Provide Fiscal Stability for Providers and State</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recognize Reasonable and Necessary Costs of Providers</li> </ul>	<p>*Timeline: Updates will be made at each workgroup meeting. We anticipate sharing final rates at the end of July. Objectives of the Rate Setting Process:            *Next Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Navigant will prepare draft rate models.</li> <li>2. DDD will review and modify assumptions.</li> <li>3. Navigant will share preliminary rate models and assumptions with the workgroup.</li> <li>4. Navigant will discuss workgroup feedback with the Division for consideration.</li> <li>5. The process is iterative until the rates are finalized.</li> </ol>
Service Definitions	Kaylene, Pam	Consultative Assessment Services: Draft definition is posted to the website. Work group read the service definition.	<p>*Youth under age 21 should access this service through Medicaid state plan benefits            *Navigant is looking at TBC data</p>

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Service Definitions	all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were changes to vehicle modifications and home modifications – limits changed. Changes need to be made to the service definitions. Rather than \$30k lifetime, turned into \$10k every five years.</li> <li>• No changes made to the 15 minute budget, hoping to work with Therap to make billing easier for the provider. Concerns about the quarter hour billing vs the unit billing.</li> <li>• Self-direction options were highlighted. There are many services that are now only provided by agency based providers. Self-directed option when it says yes means that an individual provider can provide these services.</li> <li>• Who would develop programming, goals, strategies, assessments, methodology? The team would develop the strategy. Would they have the same expectations as a provider completing the programming? For monitoring? This will be addressed via question and answer document.</li> <li>• Why would anybody choose an agency provider over an independent provider when it comes to a budget? There are no training requirements. Training for DSP is intensive. Previously there was a smaller budget available to a person selecting individual provider due to the amount of oversight and administrative expectations. It</li> </ul>	The plan will be to discuss the service definitions further with Service Coordination staff. Navigant is working on rates for each service definition. Three or possible four tiers have been suggested, and we continue to look at the data surrounding that consideration. Navigant is looking at the weekends, holidays, sick days. At this time there is no plans to have different service definitions for agency providers and independent providers. DDD central office is having further conversations regarding training requirements, certifications requirements, and additional provider qualifications. At this time there is no discussion to cap individual budgets when independent providers are chosen. At this time, no decision has been made on reimbursement rates being different for agency and independent providers.

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		<p>appears, that cap being gone that the typical family member not knowing the benefits of agency would never choose the program. Would they get same reimbursement rate as an agency? Is there a cap on wages for independent providers? Might help to see the definition of habilitation. Will it be different for self-directed versus provider services?</p>	

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