

Self-Determination Program (SDP) Community Engagement

Individual Budgets

August 2025



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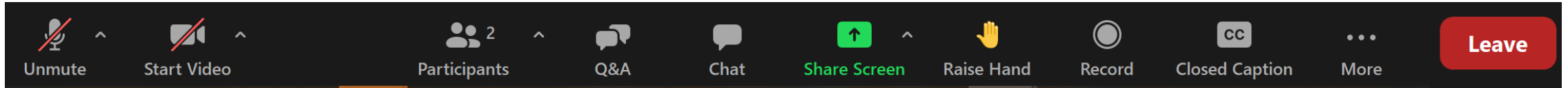


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AGENDA

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Self Determination Program Individual Budgets



Individual Budgets

The Department is seeking more information about individual budgets. This information will be used to develop program guidelines and verify compliance with federal and state laws.

The Department will NOT be reviewing and approving any participant's individual budget.

Reporting information to the Department WILL NOT DELAY the approval of individual budgets by regional centers.

Individual Budgets

The Department will establish a process for regional centers to provide information about final individual budgets.

Specifically, the Department is seeking information about large individual budgets that meet any of the following:

- All final individual budgets of \$90,000 or more at any time during the participant's SDP budget year
- All final individual budgets that are 20% higher than the participant's prior year's purchase of service authorizations
- All final individual budgets that increase by more than 20% any time during the participant's budget year

Roles and Responsibilities for Participants

In the Self-Determination Program, the individual budget is to be used to purchase goods and services to meet the participant's Individual Program Plan (IPP) outcomes.

Participants must manage their individual budgets while following state and federal laws and other program rules.

Roles and Responsibilities for Regional Centers

Regional centers confirm the services and costs included in a participant's individual budget would have occurred regardless of the individual's participation in the Self Determination Program.

Regional centers confirm the individual budget is used to purchase services, supports and goods that are necessary to help participants achieve their outcomes in their Individual Program Plan (IPP).

The services, supports and goods provided in the program are eligible for federal financial participation.

The participant's individual budget is not increased to cover the cost of an independent facilitator.

Roles and Responsibilities for the Department

The Department is responsible for the long-term sustainability for the Self-Determination Program.

- This includes reviewing individual budgets that meet the criteria identified.

Community Input



We want to hear from you!

Your feedback is important.

You can share your input with the Department by emailing:

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Please submit your input on this process to the Department by August 31, 2025

Your Input on Individual Budgets

1. What would you like the Department to consider as it develops this review process?
2. Any other additional recommendations regarding the process?
3. Are the criteria reasonable?

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