



## THE BALANCING INCENTIVE PAYMENTS PROGRAM July, 2012

### GOAL OF THE STATE BALANCING INCENTIVE PAYMENTS PROGRAM

The Balancing Incentive Payments Program (BIPP) is a provision of the Affordable Care Act that is designed to “balance” states’ spending on long term supports and services (LTSS). LTSS are home and community based services and services in institutional settings. The goal of BIPP is to provide persons with greater access to home and community based services and reduces unnecessary reliance on institutional services.

Iowa’s Medicaid spending on home and community based services is below that of institutional spending. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reports that in FY 2009 Iowa was 33<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in the percentage of LTSS expenditures spent on home and community based services. However, an increase in the percentage of home and community based services spending in Iowa since 2009 continues a trend that has been going on for many years.

As an incentive to states to increase access to HCBS, CMS is authorized to provide enhanced federal Medicaid matching funds for those services. As of July 2012, Iowa currently spends approximately 46.5% of its Medicaid LTSS funds on HCBS. Iowa’s BIPP grant was approved effective July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2015. The award, up to \$61.8 million, is based on an increased federal match of 2% for non-institutional community based services. The increased funds are only available during the grant period and are dependent on the actual amount spent on non-institutional long term care services.

BIPP grantees are required to implement specific steps to streamline access to services, improve efficiency, consistency and fairness in eligibility determination and assessments, and ensure conflict-free case management. These steps are consistent with the final Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) redesign and implementation of this project will be coordinate with MH/DS redesign.

### PROGRAM SPECIFICS

To qualify for the enhanced match, Iowa must apply for and be accepted by CMS to participate in BIPP. Iowa’s application must meet the following three expectations.

1. A No Wrong-Door/Single Entry Point (NWD/SEP) system for LTSS. Iowa will streamline and simplify access to services through a coordinated network of local entry points.
2. Conflict free case management. Case managers work with individuals and families to develop a service plan, arrange for services and supports, and direct and monitor their delivery to assure they meet the individual’s needs and achieve the desired outcomes.

3. A core standardized assessment instrument. Standardized assessment tools identify eligibility for non-institutional services and supports and are used as a guide to develop person-centered service plans to address unique needs.

## NEXT STEPS

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The Department of Human Services (DHS) will work with key stakeholders to plan the steps needed to implement BIPP.

Implementation Steps	Timeframe
Iowa applies to CMS to participate in BIPP, submitting the required preliminary work plan and budget.	April 30, 2012 at the latest
CMS reviews and acts on Iowa's application.	June 30, 2012
Iowa begins receiving the 2% increase in FMAP funding.	July 1, 2012
Iowa submits a final work plan in conformance with CMS requirements	October 31, 2012
Iowa develops a No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point System. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Shape the local point of entry required to be established by the Regions in Mental Health and Disabilities Redesign to meet this BIPP requirement.</li> <li>o Incorporate emerging Aging and Disability Resource Centers into NWD/SEP system.</li> </ul>	FY 2013
Iowa standardizes assessment tools and processes across populations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Develop consensus on uniform assessment tools and processes to be adopted.</li> <li>o Provided funding is approved, begin implementing uniform assessment tools and processes.</li> </ul>	FY 2013
Iowa defines steps to be taken to implement conflict free case management. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Research and fully understand CMS expectations.</li> <li>o Work with stakeholders to define standards consistent with BIPP requirements.</li> </ul>	FY 2013