

SB 392's requirement for self-directed medical and related personal care services reimbursable under the D&E and DD waivers would require the Human Services Department (HSD) to amend the existing waivers or apply for the Independence Plus 1915 (c) waiver to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Components for the CMS definition of self-directed service option, which are not part of the current D&E and DD framework, include: a fiscal agent and a brokerage agency to support families and individuals as they direct their own services; and allowing eligible families and individuals to receive a cash allowance to purchase services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated this change can be accomplished at current funding levels. Oversight of such a program would require operating increases to ensure the quality of care.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

A new waiver or waiver amendment for self-directed services through the D&E and DD waivers would require the development and implementation of regulations, policies and procedures, and service standards. SB 392 would require MAD to develop and implement quality assurance policy and procedures to monitor self-directed services to ensure quality and financial accountability.

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