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**IDAPA 16  
TITLE 03  
CHAPTER 13**

**16.03.13 - CONSUMER-DIRECTED SERVICES**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

In accordance with Sections 56-202, 56-203, and Sections 56-250 through 257, Idaho Code, the Idaho Legislature has authorized the Department of Health and Welfare to adopt and enforce rules for the provision of consumer-directed services. (3-30-07)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** The title of these rules is IDAPA 16.03.13, "Consumer-Directed Services." (3-29-10)

**02. Scope.** Self-Directed Community Supports (SDCS) is a flexible program option for participants eligible for the Home and Community Based Services - Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) waiver. The SDCS option allows the eligible participant to: choose the type and frequency of supports he wants, negotiate the rate of payment, and hire the person or agency he prefers to provide those supports. (3-30-07)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, this agency may have written statements that pertain to the interpretations of the rules of this chapter. These documents are available for public inspection as described in Sections 005 and 006 of these rules. (3-30-07)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

All administrative appeals are governed by provisions of IDAPA 16.05.03, "Contested Case Proceedings and Declaratory Rulings." (3-30-07)

**004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.**

No documents have been incorporated by reference into these rules. (3-30-07)

**005. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING ADDRESS -- STREET ADDRESS -- TELEPHONE NUMBER -- INTERNET WEBSITE.**

**01. Office Hours.** Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mountain Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays designated by the state of Idaho. (3-30-07)

**02. Mailing Address.** The mailing address for the business office is Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0036. (3-30-07)

**03. Street Address.** The business office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is located at 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83702. (3-30-07)

**04. Telephone.** The telephone number for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is (208) 334-5500. (3-30-07)

**05. Internet Website.** The Department's internet [website](#). (3-30-07)

**006. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS AND PUBLIC RECORDS.**

**01. Confidential Records.** Any information about an individual covered by these rules and contained in the Department's records must comply with IDAPA 16.05.01, "Use and Disclosure of Department Records." (3-30-07)

**02. Public Records.** The Department will comply with Sections 9-337 through 9-350, Idaho Code, when requests for the examination and copying of public records are made. Unless otherwise exempted, all public records in the custody of the Department are subject to disclosure. (3-30-07)

**007. (RESERVED).**

**008. AUDIT, INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

In addition to any actions specified in these rules, the Department may audit, investigate and take enforcement action under the provisions of IDAPA 16.05.07, "Investigation and Enforcement of Fraud, Abuse and Misconduct."

(3-30-07)

**009. CRIMINAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS.**

**01. Compliance With Department Criminal History Check.** The fiscal employer agent must verify that each support broker and community support worker, whose criminal history check has not been waived by the participant, has complied with IDAPA 16.05.06, "Criminal History and Background Checks." When a participant chooses to waive the criminal history check requirement for a community support worker, the waiver must be completed in accordance with Section 150 of these rules. (3-30-07)

**02. Availability to Work or Provide Service.** Participants, at their discretion, may review the completed application and allow the community support worker to provide services on a provisional basis if no disqualifying offenses listed in IDAPA 16.05.06, "Criminal History and Background Checks," are disclosed. (3-30-07)

**03. Additional Criminal Convictions.** Once criminal history clearances have been received, any additional criminal convictions must be immediately reported by the worker to the participant and by the participant to the Department. (3-30-07)

**04. Notice of Pending Investigations or Charges.** Once criminal history clearances have been received, any charges or investigations for abuse, neglect or exploitation of any vulnerable adult or child, criminal charges, or substantiated adult protection or child protection complaints, must be immediately reported by the worker to the participant and by the participant to the Department. (3-30-07)

**05. Providers Subject to Criminal History Check Requirements.** A community support worker, who has not had the requirement waived by the participant, and a support broker as defined in Section 010 of these rules. (3-30-07)

**010. DEFINITIONS.**

**01. Circle of Supports.** People who encourage and care about the participant and provide unpaid supports. (3-30-07)

**02. Community Support Worker.** An individual, agency, or vendor selected and paid by the participant to provide community support worker services. (3-30-07)

**03. Community Support Worker Services.** Community support worker services are those identified supports listed in Section 110 of these rules. (3-30-07)

**04. Financial Management Services (FMS).** Services provided by a fiscal employer agent that include: (3-29-10)

**a.** Financial guidance and support to the participant by tracking individual expenditures and monitoring overall budgets; (3-30-07)

**b.** Performing payroll services; and (3-30-07)

**c.** Handling billing and employment related documentation responsibilities. (3-30-07)

**05. Fiscal Employer Agent (FEA).** An agency that provides financial management services to participants who have chosen the SDCS option. The fiscal employer agent (FEA) is selected by the participant. The

duties of the FEA are defined under Section 3504 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 3504). (3-29-10)

**06. Goods.** Tangible products or merchandise that are authorized on the support and spending plan. (3-30-07)

**07. Guiding Principles for the SDCS Option.** Self-Directed Community Supports is based upon the concept of self-determination and has the following guiding principles: (3-30-07)

**a.** Freedom for the participant to make choices and plan his own life; (3-30-07)

**b.** Authority for the participant to control resources allocated to him to acquire needed supports; (3-30-07)

**c.** Opportunity for the participant to choose his own supports; (3-30-07)

**d.** Responsibility for the participant to make choices and take responsibility for the result of those choices; and (3-30-07)

**e.** Shared responsibility between the participant and his community to help the participant become an involved and contributing member of that community. (3-30-07)

**08. Readiness Review.** A review conducted by the Department to ensure that each fiscal employer agent is prepared to enter into and comply with the requirements of the provider agreement and this chapter of rules. (3-29-10)

**09. Support and Spending Plan.** A support and spending plan is a document that functions as a participant's plan of care when the participant is eligible for and has chosen a self-directed service option. This document identifies the goods or services, or both, selected by a participant and the cost of each of the identified goods and services. The participant uses this document to manage his individualized budget. (3-29-10)

**10. Supports.** Services provided for a participant, or a person who provides a support service. A support service may be a paid service provided by a community support worker, or an unpaid service provided by a natural support, such as a family member, a friend, neighbor, or other volunteer. A person who provides a support service for pay is a paid support. A person who provides a volunteer support service is a natural support. (3-30-07)

**11. Support Broker.** An individual who advocates on behalf of the participant and who is hired by the participant to provide support broker Services. (3-30-07)

**12. Support Broker Services.** Services provided by a support broker to assist the participant with planning, negotiating, and budgeting. (3-30-07)

**13. Traditional HCBS DD Waiver Services.** A program option for participants eligible for the Home and Community-Based Services Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD) Waiver consisting of the specific Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits described in IDAPA 16.03.10, "Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits," Subsections 703.01 through 703.12. (3-29-10)

**14. Waiver Services.** A collective term that refers to services provided under a Medicaid Waiver program. (3-29-10)

**011. -- 099. (RESERVED).**

**100. SELF-DIRECTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS (SDCS) OPTION.**

The SDCS option requires the participant to have a support broker to assist the participant to make informed choices, participate in a person-centered planning process, and become skilled at managing his own supports. The participant must use a fiscal employer agent to provide Financial Management Services (FMS) for payroll and reporting functions. (3-30-07)

**101. ELIGIBILITY.**

**01. Determination of Medicaid and Home and Community Based Services - DD Requirements.** In order to choose the SDCS option, the participant must first be determined Medicaid-eligible and must be determined to meet existing (HCBS-DD) waiver program requirements as outlined in IDAPA 16.03.10, "Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits." (3-30-07)

**02. Participant Agreement Form.** The participant, and his legal representative, if one exists, must agree in writing using a Department-approved form to the following: (3-30-07)

- a.** Accept the guiding principles for the SDCS option, as defined in Section 010 of these rules; (3-30-07)
- b.** Agree to meet the participant responsibilities outlined in Section 120 of these rules; (3-30-07)
- c.** Take responsibility for and accept potential risks, and any resulting consequences, for their support choices. (3-30-07)

**03. Legal Representative Agreement.** The participant's legal representative, if one exists, must agree in writing to honor the choices of the participant as required by the guiding principles for the SDCS option. (3-30-07)

**102. -- 109. (RESERVED).**

**110. PAID SELF-DIRECTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS.**

The participant must purchase Financial Management Services (FMS) and support broker services to participate in the SDCS option. The participant must purchase goods and community supports through the fiscal employer agent who is providing the FMS. (3-29-10)

**01. Financial Management Services.** The Department will enter into a provider agreement with a qualified fiscal employer agent, as defined in Section 010 of these rules, to provide financial management services to a participant who chooses the self-directed option. (3-29-10)

**02. Support Broker.** Support broker services are provided by a qualified support broker. (3-30-07)

**03. Community Support Worker.** The community support worker provides identified supports to the participant. If the identified support requires specific licensing or certification within the state of Idaho, the identified community support worker must obtain the applicable license or certification. Identified supports include activities that address the participant's preference for: (3-30-07)

- a.** Job support to help the participant secure and maintain employment or attain job advancement; (3-30-07)
- b.** Personal support to help the participant maintain health, safety, and basic quality of life; (3-30-07)
- c.** Relationship support to help the participant establish and maintain positive relationships with immediate family members, friends, spouse, or others in order to build a natural support network and community; (3-30-07)
- d.** Emotional support to help the participant learn and practice behaviors consistent with his goals and wishes while minimizing interfering behaviors; (3-30-07)
- e.** Learning support to help the participant learn new skills or improve existing skills that relate to his identified goals; (3-30-07)
- f.** Transportation support to help the participant accomplish his identified goals; (3-30-07)
- g.** Adaptive equipment identified in the participant's plan that meets a medical or accessibility need

and promotes his increased independence; and (3-30-07)

**h.** Skilled nursing support identified in the participant's plan that is within the scope of the Nurse Practice Act and is provided by a licensed professional (RN) nurse or licensed practical nurse (LPN) under the supervision of an RN, licensed to practice in Idaho. (3-30-07)

**111. -- 119. (RESERVED).**

**120. PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

With the assistance of the support broker and the legal representative, if one exists, the participant is responsible for the following: (3-30-07)

**01. Guiding Principles.** Accepting and honoring the guiding principles for the SDCS option found in Section 010 of these rules. (3-30-07)

**02. Person-Centered Planning.** Participating in the person-centered planning process in order to identify and document support and service needs, wants, and preferences. (3-30-07)

**03. Rates.** Negotiating payment rates for all paid community supports he wants to purchase, ensuring rates negotiated for supports and services do not exceed the prevailing market rate, and including the details in the employment agreements. (3-30-07)

**04. Agreements.** Completing and implementing agreements for the fiscal employer agent, the support broker and community support workers and submitting the agreements to the fiscal employer agent. These agreements must be submitted on Department-approved forms. (3-30-07)

**05. Agreement Detail.** Ensuring that employment agreements specifically identify the type of support being purchased, the rate negotiated for the support, and the frequency and duration of the scheduled support or service. The participant is responsible for ensuring that each employment agreement: clearly identifies the qualifications needed to provide the support or service; includes a statement signed by the hired worker that he possesses the needed skills; and the signature of the participant that verifies the same. Additionally, each employment agreement will include statements that: the participant is the employer even though payment comes from a third party; employees are under the direction and control of the participant; and no employer-related claims will be filed against the Department. (3-30-07)

**06. Plan.** Developing a comprehensive support and spending plan based on the information gathered during the person-centered planning. (3-30-07)

**07. Time Sheets and Invoices.** Reviewing and verifying that supports being billed were provided and indicating that he approves of the bill by signing the timesheet or invoice. (3-29-10)

**08. Quality Assurance and Improvement.** Providing feedback to the best of his ability regarding his satisfaction with the supports he receives and the performance of his workers. (3-30-07)

**121. -- 129. (RESERVED).**

**130. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.**

**01. Requirements.** The fiscal employer agent must meet the requirements outlined in its provider agreement with the Department, and Section 3504 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 3504). (3-29-10)

**02. Limitations.** The fiscal employer agent must not: (3-30-07)

**a.** Provide any other direct services to the participant, to ensure there is no conflict of interest; or (3-30-07)

**b.** Employ the guardian, parent, spouse, payee or conservator of the participant or have direct control

over the participant's choice. (3-30-07)

**131. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

The fiscal employer agent performs Financial Management Services for each participant. Prior to providing Financial Management Services the participant and the fiscal employer agent must enter into a written agreement. Financial Management Services include: (3-30-07)

**01. Payroll and Accounting.** Providing payroll and accounting supports to participants that have chosen the Self-Directed Community Supports option; (3-30-07)

**02. Financial Reporting.** Performing financial reporting for employees of each participant. (3-30-07)

**03. Information Packet.** Preparing and distributing a packet of information, including Department-approved forms for agreements, for the participant hiring his own staff. (3-30-07)

**04. Time Sheets and Invoices.** Processing and paying time sheets for community support workers and support brokers, as authorized by the participant, according to the participant's Department-authorized support and spending plan. (3-30-07)

**05. Taxes.** Managing and processing payment of required state and federal employment taxes for the participant's community support worker and support broker. (3-30-07)

**06. Payments for Goods and Services.** Processing and paying invoices for goods and services, as authorized by the participant, according to the participant's support and spending plan. (3-30-07)

**07. Spending Information.** Providing each participant with reporting information that will assist the participant with managing the individualized budget. (3-30-07)

**08. Quality Assurance and Improvement.** Participating in Department quality assurance activities. (3-30-07)

**132. -- 134. (RESERVED).**

**135. SUPPORT BROKER REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.**

**01. Initial Application to Become a Support Broker.** Individuals interested in becoming a support broker must complete the Department-approved application to document that he: (3-30-07)

**a.** Is eighteen (18) years of age or older; (3-30-07)

**b.** Has skills and knowledge typically gained by completing college courses or community classes or workshops that count toward a degree in the human services field; and (3-30-07)

**c.** Has at least two (2) years verifiable experience with the target population and knowledge of services and resources in the developmental disabilities field. (3-30-07)

**02. Application Exam.** Applicants that meet the minimum requirements outlined in this section will receive training materials and resources to prepare for the application exam. Applicants must earn a score of seventy percent (70%) or higher to pass. Applicants may take the exam up to three (3) times. After the third time, the applicant will not be allowed to retest for twelve (12) months from the date of the last exam. Applicants who pass the exam, and meet all other requirements outlined in these rules, will be eligible to enter into a provider agreement with the Department. (3-30-07)

**03. Required Ongoing Training.** All support brokers must document a minimum of twelve (12) hours per year of ongoing, relevant training in the provision of support broker services. Up to six (6) hours of the required twelve (12) hours may be obtained through independent self-study. The remaining hours must consist of classroom training. (3-30-07)



- 04. Termination.** The Department may terminate the provider agreement when the support broker:  
(3-30-07)
- a.** Is no longer able to pass a criminal history background check as outlined in Section 009 of these rules.  
(3-30-07)
- b.** Puts the health or safety of the participant at risk by failing to perform job duties as outlined in the employment agreement.  
(3-30-07)
- c.** Does not receive and document the required ongoing training.  
(3-30-07)
- 05. Limitations.** The support broker must not:  
(3-30-07)
- a.** Provide or be employed by an agency that provides paid community supports under Section 150 of these rules to the same participant; and  
(3-30-07)
- b.** Be the guardian, parent, spouse, payee, or conservator of the participant, or have direct control over the participant's choices. Additionally, the support broker must not be in a position to both influence a participant's decision making and receive undue financial benefit from the participant's decisions.  
(3-30-07)

**136. SUPPORT BROKER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- 01. Support Broker Initial Documentation.** Prior to beginning employment for the participant, the support broker must complete the packet of information provided by the fiscal employer agent and submit it to the fiscal employer agent. This packet must include documentation of:  
(3-30-07)
- a.** Support broker application approval by the Department;  
(3-30-07)
- b.** A completed criminal history check, including clearance in accordance with IDAPA 16.05.06, "Criminal History and Background Checks"; and  
(3-30-07)
- c.** A completed employment agreement with the participant that identifies the specific tasks and services that are required of the support broker. The employment agreement must include the negotiated hourly rate for the support broker, and the type, frequency, and duration of services. The negotiated rate must not exceed the maximum hourly rate for support broker services established by the Department.  
(3-30-07)
- 02. Required Support Broker Duties.** Support broker services may include only a few required tasks or may be provided as a comprehensive service package depending on the participant's needs and preferences. At a minimum, the support broker must:  
(3-30-07)
- a.** Participate in the person-centered planning process;  
(3-30-07)
- b.** Develop a written support and spending plan with the participant that includes the supports that the participant needs and wants, related risks identified with the participant's wants and preferences, and a comprehensive risk plan for each potential risk that includes at least three (3) backup plans should a support fail. This plan must be authorized by the Department;  
(3-30-07)
- c.** Assist the participant to monitor and review his budget;  
(3-30-07)
- d.** Submit documentation regarding the participant's satisfaction with identified supports as requested by the Department;  
(3-30-07)
- e.** Participate with Department quality assurance measures, as requested;  
(3-30-07)
- f.** Assist the participant to complete the annual re-determination process as needed, including updating the support and spending plan and submitting it to the Department for authorization;  
(3-30-07)

**g.** Assist the participant, as needed, to meet the participant responsibilities outlined in Section 120 of these rules and assist the participant, as needed, to protect his own health and safety; and (3-30-07)

**h.** Complete the Department-approved criminal history check waiver form when a participant chooses to waive the criminal history check requirement for a community support worker. Completion of this form requires that the support broker provide education and counseling to the participant and his circle of support regarding the risks of waiving a criminal history check and assist with detailing the rationale for waiving the criminal history check and how health and safety will be protected. (3-30-07)

**03. Additional Support Broker Duties.** In addition to the required support broker duties, each support broker must be able to provide the following services when requested by the participant: (3-30-07)

**a.** Assist the participant to develop and maintain a circle of support; (3-30-07)

**b.** Help the participant learn and implement the skills needed to recruit, hire, and monitor community supports; (3-30-07)

**c.** Assist the participant to negotiate rates for paid community support workers; (3-30-07)

**d.** Maintain documentation of supports provided by each community support worker and participant's satisfaction with these supports; (3-30-07)

**e.** Assist the participant to monitor community supports; (3-30-07)

**f.** Assist the participant to resolve employment-related problems; and (3-30-07)

**g.** Assist the participant to identify and develop community resources to meet specific needs. (3-30-07)

**04. Termination of Support Broker Services.** If a support broker decides to end services with a participant, he must give the participant at least thirty (30) days' written notice prior to terminating services. The support broker must assist the participant to identify a new support broker and provide the participant and new support broker with a written service transition plan by the date of termination. The transition plan must include an updated support and spending plan that reflects current supports being received, details about the existing community support workers, and unmet needs. (3-30-07)

**137. -- 139. (RESERVED).**

**140. COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER LIMITATIONS.**

A paid community support worker must not be the spouse of the participant and must not have direct control over the participant's choices, must avoid any conflict of interest, and must not receive undue financial benefit from the participant's choices. A legal guardian can be a paid community support worker but must not be paid from the individualized budget for the following: (3-30-07)

**01. Participant Responsibilities.** The legal guardian must not be paid to perform or to assist the participant in meeting the participant responsibilities outlined in Section 120 of these rules. (3-30-07)

**02. Legal Guardian Obligations.** The legal guardian must not be paid to fulfill any obligations he is legally responsible to fulfill as outlined in the guardianship or conservator order from the court. (3-30-07)

**141. -- 149. (RESERVED).**

**150. PAID COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**01. Initial Documentation.** Prior to providing goods or services to the participant, the community support worker must complete the packet of information provided by the fiscal employer agent and submit it to the

fiscal employer agent. When the community support worker will be providing services, this packet must include documentation of: (3-30-07)

**a.** A completed criminal history check, including clearance in accordance with IDAPA 16.05.06, "Criminal History and Background Checks," or documentation that this requirement has been waived by the participant. This documentation must be provided on a Department-approved form and must include the rationale for waiving the criminal history check and describe how health and safety will be assured in lieu of a completed criminal history check. Individuals listed on a state or federal provider exclusion list must not provide paid supports; (3-30-07)

**b.** A completed employment agreement with the participant that specifically defines the type of support being purchased, the negotiated rate, and the frequency and duration of the support to be provided. If the community support worker is provided through an agency, the employment agreement must include the specific individual who will provide the support and the agency's responsibility for tax-related obligations; (3-30-07)

**c.** Current state licensure or certification if identified support requires certification or licensure; and (3-30-07)

**d.** A statement of qualifications to provide supports identified in the employment agreement. (3-30-07)

**02. Employment Agreement.** The community support worker must deliver supports as defined in the employment agreement. (3-30-07)

**03. Documentation of Supports.** The community support worker must track and document the time required to perform the identified supports and accurately report the time on the time sheets provided by the participant's fiscal employer agent or complete an invoice that reflects the type of support provided, the date the support was provided, and the negotiated rate for the support provided, for submission to the participant's fiscal employer agent. (3-30-07)

**04. Time Sheets and Invoices.** The community support worker must obtain the signature of the participant or his legal representative on each completed timesheet or invoice prior to submitting the document to the fiscal employer agent for payment. Time sheets or invoices that are not signed by the community support worker and the participant or his legal representative will not be paid. (3-29-10)

**151. -- 159. (RESERVED).**

**160. SUPPORT AND SPENDING PLAN DEVELOPMENT.**

**01. Support and Spending Plan Requirements.** The participant, with the help of his support broker, must develop a comprehensive support and spending plan based on the information gathered during the person-centered planning. The support and spending plan is not valid until authorized by the Department and must include the following: (3-30-07)

**a.** The participant's preferences and interests by identifying all the supports and services, both paid and non-paid, the participant wants and needs to live successfully in his community. (3-30-07)

**b.** Paid or non-paid self-directed community supports that focus on the participant's wants, needs, and goals in the following areas: (3-30-07)

**i.** Personal health and safety including quality of life preferences; (3-30-07)

**ii.** Securing and maintaining employment; (3-30-07)

**iii.** Establishing and maintaining relationships with family, friends and others to build the participant's circle of supports; (3-30-07)

- iv. Learning and practicing ways to recognize and minimize interfering behaviors; and (3-30-07)
  - v. Learning new skills or improving existing ones to accomplish set goals. (3-30-07)
  - c. Support needs such as: (3-30-07)
    - i. Medical care and medicine; (3-30-07)
    - ii. Skilled care including therapies or nursing needs; (3-30-07)
    - iii. Community involvement; (3-30-07)
    - iv. Preferred living arrangements including possible roommate(s); and (3-30-07)
    - v. Response to emergencies including access to emergency assistance and care. This plan should reflect the wants, preferences, and needs of the whole person, regardless of payment source, if any. (3-30-07)
  - d. Risks or safety concerns in relation to the identified support needs on the participant's plan. The plan must specify the supports or services needed to address the risks for each issue listed, with at least three (3) backup plans for each identified risk to implement in case the need arises; (3-30-07)
  - e. Sources of payment for the listed supports and services, including the frequency, duration, and main task of the listed supports and services; and (3-30-07)
  - f. The budgeted amounts planned in relation to the participant's needed supports. Community support worker employment agreements submitted to the fiscal employer agent must identify the negotiated rates agreed upon with each community support worker along with the specific support being purchased, the frequency and duration that the support will be provided, and the payment increment; that is, hourly or daily. The fiscal employer agent will compare and match the employment agreements to the appropriate support categories identified on the initial spending plan prior to processing time sheets or invoices for payment. (3-30-07)
- 02. Support and Spending Plan Limitations.** Support and spending plan limitations include: (3-30-07)
- a. Traditional Medicaid waiver and traditional rehabilitative or habilitative services must not be purchased under the SDCS option. Because a participant cannot receive these traditional services and self-directed services at the same time, the participant, the support broker, and the Department must all work together to assure that there is no interruption of required services when moving between traditional services and the SDCS option; (3-30-07)
  - b. Paid community supports must not be provided in a group setting with recipients of traditional Medicaid waiver, rehabilitative or habilitative services. This limitation does not preclude a participant who has selected the self-directed option from choosing to live with recipients of traditional Medicaid services; (3-30-07)
  - c. All paid community supports must fit into one (1) or more types of community supports described in Section 110 of these rules. Community supports that are not medically necessary or that do not minimize the participant's need for institutionalization must only be listed as non-paid supports. Additionally, the support and spending plan must not include supports or services that are illegal, that adversely affect the health and safety of the participant, that do harm, or that violate or infringe on the rights of others; (3-30-07)
  - d. Support and spending plans that exceed the approved budget amount will not be authorized; and (3-30-07)
  - e. Time sheets or invoices that are submitted to the fiscal employer agent for payment that exceed the authorized support and spending plan amount will not be paid by the fiscal employer agent. (3-30-07)
- 161. -- 169. (RESERVED).**

**170. PERSON-CENTERED PLANNING.**

**01. Participation in the Person-Centered Planning Process.** The participant agrees to participate in the person-centered planning process in order to identify and document his support and service needs, wants, and preferences. (3-30-07)

**02. Participant Choice.** The participant decides who he wants to participate in the planning sessions in order to ensure the participant's choices are honored and promoted. (3-30-07)

**03. Facilitation of Person-Centered Planning Meetings.** The participant may direct his person-centered planning meetings, or these meetings may be facilitated by the chosen support broker. (3-30-07)

**04. Focus of Person-Centered Planning.** The person-centered planning should focus on identifying strengths, capacities, preferences, needs, and desired goals of the participant for all life areas. (3-30-07)

**05. Timeframes of Person-Centered Planning.** The person-centered planning should be completed as timely as possible in order to provide the necessary information required to develop the participant's support and spending plan. Time limitations are not currently mandated in order to allow for extensive, comprehensive planning and thoughtful support and spending plan development. (3-30-07)

**171. -- 179. (RESERVED).**

**180. CIRCLE OF SUPPORTS.**

The circle of support is a means of natural supports for the participant and consists of people who encourage and care about the participant. Work or duties the circle of supports performs on behalf of the participant are not paid. (3-29-10)

**01. Focus of the Circle of Support.** The participant's circle of support should be built and operate with the primary goal of working in the interest of the participant. The group's role is to give and get support for the participant and to develop a plan of action, along with and on behalf of the participant, to help the participant accomplish his personal goals. (3-30-07)

**02. Members of the Circle of Support.** A circle of support may include family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and other community members. When the participant's legal guardian is selected as a community support worker, the circle of support must include at least one (1) non-family member that is not the support broker. For the purposes of this chapter a family member is anyone related by blood or marriage to the participant or to the legal guardian. (3-30-07)

**03. Selection and Duties of the Circle of Support.** Members of the circle of support are selected by the participant and commit to work within the group to: (3-30-07)

**a.** Help promote and improve the life of the participant in accordance with the participant's choices and preferences; and (3-30-07)

**b.** Meet on a regular basis to assist the participant to accomplish his expressed goals. (3-30-07)

**04. Natural Supports.** A natural support may perform any duty of the support broker as long as the support broker still completes the required responsibilities listed in Subsection 136.02 of these rules. Additionally, any community support worker task may be performed by a qualified natural support person. Supports provided by a natural support person must be identified on the participant's support plan, but time worked does not need to be recorded or reported to the fiscal employer agent. (3-30-07)

**181. -- 189. (RESERVED).**

**190. INDIVIDUALIZED BUDGET.**

The Department sets an individualized budget for each participant according to an individualized measurement of the

participant's functional abilities, behavioral limitations, medical needs, and other individual factors related to the participant's assessed needs. Using these specific participant factors, the budget-setting methodology will correlate a participant's characteristics with the participant's individualized budget amount, so participants with higher needs will be assigned a higher individualized budget amount. The participant must work within the identified budget and acknowledge that he understands the budget figure is a fixed amount. (3-29-10)

**01. Budget Amount Notification and Request for Reconsideration.** The Department notifies each participant of his set budget amount. The notification will include how the participant may request reconsideration of the set budget amount. (3-30-07)

**02. Annual Re-Evaluation of Individualized Budgets.** Individualized budgets will be re-evaluated annually. At the request of the participant, the Department will also re-evaluate the set budget amount when there are documented changes in the participant's individualized needs and it is demonstrated that these additional needs cannot be supported by the current budget. (3-30-07)

**191. -- 199. (RESERVED).**

**200. QUALITY ASSURANCE.**

The Department will implement quality assurance processes to assure: access to self-directed services, participant direction of plans and services, participant choice and direction of providers, safe and effective environments, and participant satisfaction with services and outcomes. (3-30-07)

**01. Participant Experience Survey (PES).** Each participant will have the opportunity to provide feedback to the Department about his satisfaction with self-directed services utilizing the PES. (3-30-07)

**02. Participant Experience Outcomes.** Participant experience information will be gathered at least annually in an interview by the Department, and will address the following participant outcomes: (3-30-07)

- a. Access to care; (3-30-07)
- b. Choice and control; (3-30-07)
- c. Respect and dignity; (3-30-07)
- d. Community integration; and (3-30-07)
- e. Inclusion. (3-30-07)

**03. Fiscal Employer Agent Quality Assurance Activities.** The fiscal employer agent must participate in quality assurance activities identified by the Department such as readiness reviews, periodic audits, maintaining a list of criminal history check waivers, and timely reporting of accounting and satisfaction data. (3-30-07)

**04. Community Support Workers and Support Brokers Quality Assurance Activities.** Community support workers and support brokers must participate and comply with quality assurance activities identified by the Department including performance evaluations, satisfaction surveys, quarterly review of services provided by a legal guardian, if applicable, and spot audits of time sheets and billing records. (3-30-07)

**05. Participant Choice of Paid Community Support Worker.** Paid community support workers must be selected by the participant, or his chosen representative, and must meet the qualifications identified in Section 150 of this rule. (3-30-07)

**06. Complaint Reporting and Tracking Process.** The Department will maintain a complaint reporting and tracking process to ensure participants, workers, and other supports have the opportunity to readily report instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or other complaints regarding the HCBS program. (3-30-07)

**07. Quality Oversight Committee.** A Quality Oversight Committee consisting of participants, family members, community providers, and Department designees will review information and data collected from the

quality assurance processes to formulate recommendations for program improvement. (3-30-07)

**08. Quarterly Quality Assurance Reviews.** On a quarterly basis, the Department will perform an enhanced review of services for those participants who have waived the criminal history check requirement for a community support worker or who have their legal guardian providing paid services. These reviews will assess ongoing participant health and safety and compliance with the approved support and spending plan. (3-30-07)

**201. -- 209. (RESERVED).**

**210. CONTINUATION OF THE SELF-DIRECTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS (SDCS) OPTION.**

The following requirements must be met or the Department may require the participant to discontinue the SDCS option: (3-30-07)

**01. Required Supports.** The participant is willing to work with a support broker and a fiscal employer agent. (3-30-07)

**a.** The participant can only change FEA services by providing a written request to his current FEA provider at least sixty (60) days in advance, and this change must occur at the end of a fiscal quarter. The request must include the name of the new FEA chosen by the participant and provide the specific date the change will occur. (3-29-10)

**b.** When a participant provides a written request to his current FEA provider to change to a different FEA provider, the current FEA provider must notify the participant of the specific date that the last payroll run will occur at the end of the fiscal quarter. (3-29-10)

**02. Support and Spending Plan.** The participant's support and spending plan is being followed. (3-30-07)

**03. Risk and Safety Back-Up Plans.** Back-up plans to manage risks and safety are being followed. (3-30-07)

**04. Health and Safety Choices.** The participant's choices do not directly endanger his health, welfare and safety or endanger or harm others. (3-30-07)

**211. -- 299. (RESERVED).**

**FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**(Sections 300 through 314)**

**300. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: DEFINITIONS.**

For purposes of Sections 300 through 314, the following definitions apply: (3-29-10)

**01. Employee.** A community support worker employed by a participant receiving services under the SDCS option. (3-29-10)

**02. Employer.** A participant receiving services under the SDCS option. (3-29-10)

**03. Provider.** The term "provider" specifically refers to the fiscal employer agent providing financial management services to individuals participating in self-direction. (3-29-10)

**04. SFTP.** Secure File Transfer Protocol. A secure means of transferring data that allows certain Department staff to access information regarding self-direction participants. (3-29-10)

**05. Vendor.** Provides goods and services rendered by agencies and independent contractors in accord with a participant's support and spending plan. (3-29-10)

**06. Medicaid Billing Report.** A report generated every payroll period by the provider; it provides a list and count of unduplicated participants and payroll expenditures by service code, based on the date of service time frame specified by the user. (3-29-10)

**301. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: SELF-DIRECTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS.**

**01. Federal Tax ID Requirement.** The fiscal employer agent must obtain a separate Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) specifically to file tax forms and to make tax payments on behalf of program participants under Section 3504 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 3504). In addition, the provider must: (3-29-10)

**a.** Maintain copies of the participant's FEIN, IRS FEIN notification letter, and Form SS-4 Request for FEIN in the participant's file. (3-29-10)

**b.** Retire participant's FEIN when the participant is no longer an employer under self-directed community supports (SDCS). (3-29-10)

**02. Requirement to Report Irregular Activities or Practices.** The provider must report to the Department any facts regarding irregular activities or practices that may conflict with federal or state rules and regulations; (3-29-10)

**03. Procedures Restricting FMS to DD Waiver Participant.** The provider must not act as a fiscal employer agent and provide fiscal management services to an HCBS DD waiver participant for whom it also provides any other services funded by the Department. (3-29-10)

**04. Policies and Procedures.** The provider must maintain a current manual containing comprehensive policies and procedures. The provider must submit the manual and any updates to the Department for approval. (3-29-10)

**05. Key Contact Person.** The provider must provide a key contact person and at least (2) two other people for backup who are responsible for answering calls and responding to e-mails from Department staff and ensure these individuals respond to the Department within one (1) business day. (3-29-10)

**06. Face-to-Face Transitional Participant Enrollment.** The provider must conduct face-to-face transitional participant enrollment sessions in group settings or with individual participants in their homes or other designated locations. The provider must work with the regional Department staff to coordinate and conduct enrollment sessions. (3-29-10)

**07. SFTP Site.** The provider must provide an SFTP site for the Department to access. The site must have the capability of allowing participants and their employees to access individual specific information such as time cards and account statements. The site must be user name and password protected. The provider must have the site accessible to the Department upon commencement of the readiness review. (3-29-10)

**08. Required IRS Forms.** The provider must prepare, submit, and revoke the following IRS forms in accordance with IRS requirements and must maintain relevant documentation in each participant's file including: (3-29-10)

**a.** IRS Form 2678; (3-29-10)

**b.** IRS Approval Letter; (3-29-10)

**c.** IRS Form 2678 revocation process; (3-29-10)

**d.** Initial IRS Form 2848; and (3-29-10)



- e. Renewal IRS Form 2848. (3-29-10)

**09. Requirement to Obtain Power of Attorney.** The provider must obtain an Idaho State Tax Commission Power of Attorney (Form TC00110) from each participant it represents and must maintain the relevant documentation in each participant's file. (3-29-10)

**10. Requirement to Revoke Power of Attorney.** The provider must revoke the Idaho State Tax Commission Power of Attorney (Form TC00110) when the provider no longer represents the participant and must maintain the relevant documentation in the participant's file. (3-29-10)

**302. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: CUSTOMER SERVICE.**

**01. Customer Service System.** The provider must provide a customer service system to respond to all inquiries from participants, employees, agencies, and vendors. The provider must: (3-29-10)

- a. Provide staff with customer service training with an emphasis on self-direction. (3-29-10)
- b. Ensure staff are trained and have the skills to assist participants with enrollment and to help them understand their account statements. (3-29-10)
- c. Ensure that fiscal employer agent personnel are available during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time, Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays. (3-29-10)
- d. Provide translation and interpreter services (i.e., American Sign Language and services for persons with limited English proficiency). (3-29-10)
- e. Provide prompt and consistent response to verbal and written communication. Specifically: (3-29-10)
- i. All voice mail messages must be responded to within one (1) business day; and (3-29-10)
- ii. All written and electronic correspondence must be responded to within five (5) business days. (3-29-10)
- f. Maintain a toll-free phone line where callers speak to a live person during business hours and are provided the option to leave voice mail at any time, all day, every day. (3-29-10)
- g. Maintain a toll-free fax line that is available all day, every day, exclusively for participants and their employees. (3-29-10)

**02. Complaint Resolution and Tracking System.** The provider is responsible for receiving, responding to, and tracking all complaints from any source under this agreement. A complaint is defined as a verbal or written expression of dissatisfaction about fiscal employer agent services. The provider must: (3-29-10)

- a. Respond to all written and electronic correspondence within five (5) days. (3-29-10)
- b. Respond to verbal complaints within one (1) business day. (3-29-10)
- c. Maintain an electronic tracking system and log of complaints and resolutions. The electronic log of complaints and resolutions must be accessible for Department review through the SFTP site. (3-29-10)
- d. Log and track complaints received from the Department pertaining to fiscal employer agent services. (3-29-10)
- e. Compile a summary report and analyze complaints received on a quarterly basis to determine the quality of services to participants and to identify any corrective action necessary. (3-29-10)

**f.** Post the complaint to the SFTP site within twenty-four (24) hours any day a complaint is received Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday complaints must be posted to the SFTP site by close of business the following Monday. Failure to comply will result in a fifty dollar (\$50) penalty payable to Medicaid within ninety (90) days of incident. (3-29-10)

**303. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

The provider must implement and enforce policies and procedures regarding documents that are mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to and from the provider to ensure documents are tracked and that confidential information is not compromised, is stored appropriately and not lost, and is traceable for historical research purposes. (3-29-10)

**304. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: ENROLLMENT PROCESS.**

**01. Submission of Participant Enrollment and Employee Packets for Department Approval.** The provider must submit the following for participant enrollment and employee packets to the Department for approval. (3-29-10)

- a.** The participant enrollment packet must include: (3-29-10)
  - i.** Fiscal employer agent authorization form; (3-29-10)
  - ii.** Employer Appointment of Agent - IRS Form; (3-29-10)
  - iii.** Tax Information Form; and (3-29-10)
  - iv.** Employer information. The employer information must include: (3-29-10)
    - (1) Instructions for completing forms; (3-29-10)
    - (2) Payroll schedule, including deadlines for submission of time cards; (3-29-10)
    - (3) Sample employment agreements; (3-29-10)
    - (4) Sample Request for Vendor Payment form; (3-29-10)
    - (5) Sample independent provider agreement; and (3-29-10)
    - (6) Other sample employment agreements as needed. (3-29-10)
- b.** The employee enrollment packet must contain: (3-29-10)
  - i.** Employee Information Form; (3-29-10)
  - ii.** I-9 Employment Eligibility Form; (3-29-10)
  - iii.** W-4 Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate; (3-29-10)
  - iv.** Pay selection agreement; (3-29-10)
  - v.** Direct deposit authorization (optional); (3-29-10)
  - vi.** Sample time sheets and instructions for completion; and (3-29-10)
  - vii.** IRS Form W-5. (3-29-10)

**02. Distribution of Participant Enrollment and Employee Packets to Participant after Department Approval.** The provider must distribute Department-approved participant enrollment packets and

employment packets to the participant within two (2) business days after the participant requests the packets. (3-29-10)

- a. To enroll a participant, the provider must: (3-29-10)
  - i. Enroll the participant within two (2) business days of receipt of completed paperwork; and (3-29-10)
  - ii. Log and maintain an electronic record of all enrollment paperwork, which includes participant support and spending plan cost and authorization sheets. (3-29-10)
- b. To enroll an employee, the provider must: (3-29-10)
  - i. Enroll the employee within two (2) business days of receipt of completed paperwork; and (3-29-10)
  - ii. Log and maintain an electronic record of all the employee's paperwork that includes the employment agreements. (3-29-10)

**305. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: PAYMENT PROCESS.**

**01. Process Payroll.** The provider must process payroll, including time sheets and taxes, in accordance with the participant's support and spending plan. The payroll process must include: (3-29-10)

- a. Payment of employer and withholding taxes to State Tax Commission and Internal Revenue Service. (3-29-10)
- b. Payment of invoices to vendors. (3-29-10)
- c. Management of participant budget funds as per authorized support and spending plan. (3-29-10)
- d. Garnishment of wages as per court orders. (3-29-10)
- e. Preparation of year-end federal and state tax forms. (3-29-10)
- f. Payment of worker's compensation insurance premiums. (3-29-10)

**02. Requirement to Track and Log Time Sheet Billing Errors.** The provider must track and log time sheet billing errors or time sheets that cannot be paid due to late arrival, missing, or erroneous information. The provider must notify the employee and participant within one (1) business day of when errors are identified on the time sheets. (3-29-10)

**03. Requirement to Track and Log Improperly Cashed or Improperly Issued Checks.** The provider must track and log occurrences of improperly cashed or improperly issued checks and must stop payment on checks when necessary. The provider must reissue lost, stolen, or improperly issued checks at no expense to the participant or the Department within fourteen (14) calendar days of when the error occurred. (3-29-10)

**04. Process Employee Payments.** The provider must verify employees' documentation and process employees' payments via check, direct deposit, or pay cards as per preference of employees. The employee payment process includes: (3-29-10)

- a. Receipt of time cards from employees via mail, fax, or website by specified due dates. (3-29-10)
- b. Review time cards for accuracy and verify that timecards contain the following information: (3-29-10)
  - i. Employer name and ID number. (3-29-10)

- ii. Employee name and ID number. (3-29-10)
  - iii. Hours of work. (3-29-10)
  - iv. Code for service. (3-29-10)
  - c. Match codes to employment agreement to verify rate of pay. (3-29-10)
  - d. Verify that rate of pay multiplied by the hours worked per each pay period is equal to the gross pay. (3-29-10)
  - e. Calculate all taxes and other withholding. (3-29-10)
  - f. Pay employees every two (2) weeks or semi-monthly. (3-29-10)
  - g. Contact participant and representative if there are problems with timecards or other documents in order to resolve issues prior to pay-date, if possible. (3-29-10)
  - h. Maintain an electronic complaint log of payroll issues and resolutions. (3-29-10)
  - i. The provider must verify there is money remaining in each participant's budget and specific service category prior to issuing a check. (3-29-10)
- 05. Process Vendor Payments.** When participants submit requests for payment to vendors, the provider must: (3-29-10)
- a. Review, and maintain on file, the vendor payment request with attached voided vendor receipt submitted by the participant. (3-29-10)
  - b. Ensure item or payment is authorized on the participant's support and spending plan. (3-29-10)
  - c. Issue a check made out to the vendor and mail to participant for distribution. Vendor payments are made on the same schedule as payroll. (3-29-10)
- 06. Process Independent Contractor or Outside Agency Payments.** When the participant hires an independent contractor or outside agency, in accordance with the support and spending plan, the provider must: (3-29-10)
- a. Obtain a W-9 from the contractor or agency. (3-29-10)
  - b. Review, and maintain on file, the independent contractor or agency agreement submitted by the participant. (3-29-10)
  - c. Review, and maintain on file, the independent contractor or agency invoice for services submitted by the participant. (3-29-10)
  - d. Ensure service or payment is authorized on the support and spending plan. (3-29-10)
  - e. Issue payment directly to the independent contractor or agency. (3-29-10)
- 07. End-of-Year Processing.** For purposes of end-of-year processing, the provider must maintain relevant documentation and must: (3-29-10)
- a. Refund over-collected Federal Insurance Contributions Act tax (FICA) to applicable employees, or to state government; (3-29-10)

- b.** Prepare, file, and distribute IRS Form W-2 for each employee; (3-29-10)
  - c.** Prepare and file IRS Form W-3 for each participant represented; (3-29-10)
  - d.** Prepare and file State Form 957 for state income taxes for each employer; (3-29-10)
  - e.** Report and pay any Unclaimed Property per Idaho State Tax Commission rules; and (3-29-10)
  - f.** Report and pay all state and federal unemployment insurance premiums. (3-29-10)
- 08. Transition to New FEA.** The following items must be addressed if a participant transitions to a new FEA provider. For the purposes of a smooth transition between FEA providers, the two providers must work closely with one another to transfer the participant from the services one is no longer providing to the services the other is providing. The following items must be transferred: (3-29-10)
- a.** Participant’s Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). (3-29-10)
  - b.** Mailing address for FEIN. (3-29-10)
  - c.** IRS Form 2678 Agent/Payer Authorization. (3-29-10)
  - d.** Depositing taxes and filing report. This includes Federal and State tax withholdings and Federal Unemployment Tax Act tax (FUTA). (3-29-10)
  - e.** Participant’s FUTA Liability Status. (3-29-10)
  - f.** FICA Exemption Status of Participant Employees. (3-29-10)
  - g.** FUTA Exemption Status of Participant Employees. (3-29-10)
  - h.** Unemployment Insurance (U/I). (3-29-10)
  - i.** Unemployment Insurance Experience Rate and Taxable Wage Base. (3-29-10)
  - j.** Unemployment Insurance Taxable Wage Base. (3-29-10)
  - k.** State Unemployment Insurance Liability Status of the Participant. (3-29-10)
  - l.** State Unemployment Insurance Liability Status of Exempt Employees. (3-29-10)
  - m.** Unemployment Insurance Filing and Depositing. (3-29-10)
  - n.** State Income Tax - Account Number. (3-29-10)
  - o.** State Income Tax - Agent Authorization. (3-29-10)
  - p.** State Income Tax - Filing and Depositing. (3-29-10)
  - q.** Budget Authorization - authorized services. (3-29-10)
  - r.** Budget Authorization - spent and remaining. (3-29-10)
  - s.** Budget Authorization - authorized providers. (3-29-10)
  - t.** Budget Authorization - authorized provider rates. (3-29-10)
  - u.** Participant’s Demographic information. (3-29-10)

- v. Participant's Representative demographic information. (3-29-10)
- w. Participant's Employee and provider demographic information. (3-29-10)
- x. Participant's Employee tax and other information. (3-29-10)
- y. Participant's Independent contract and other information. (3-29-10)
- z. Participant's Employee New Hire Reporting. (3-29-10)
- aa. Participant's Employee Liens and Garnishments. (3-29-10)

**306. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: ANNUAL PARTICIPANT SURVEY.**

**01. Requirement to Conduct Annual Participant Satisfaction Survey.** Starting October 1 of each calendar year, each provider who has been providing services for at least six (6) months must conduct an annual participant satisfaction survey. (3-29-10)

**a.** Three (3) weeks prior to the survey launch, the provider must present the questions to the Department staff for approval. (3-29-10)

**b.** Once the questions are approved by the Department, the provider can send out the survey. (3-29-10)

**c.** The provider must survey its participants who receive services under consumer-directed services, such as participants with disabilities, family members of participants, and participants whose primary language is other than English. (3-29-10)

**d.** The provider must provide options for participants to respond to the surveys, other than by mail, for those participants who may not be able to respond by that method. (3-29-10)

**02. Requirement to Provide Results of Annual Participant Satisfaction Survey.** The provider must provide the results of the surveys to the Department in a comprehensive report, along with the completed surveys, by the 15th of December of each calendar year. (3-29-10)

**307. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: QUALITY ASSURANCE.**

**01. Required Elements of Quality Insurance Process.** The provider must provide a quality assurance process that includes: (3-29-10)

**a.** Implementation of a quality management plan; (3-29-10)

**b.** Preparation of a quarterly, quality management analysis report; (3-29-10)

**c.** Distribution, collection, and analysis of an annual participant satisfaction survey; and (3-29-10)

**d.** A review of the monthly complaint summary and resolutions, monitoring of standards, and implementation of program improvements as needed. (3-29-10)

**02. Requirement for Formal Quality Assurance Review.** Every two (2) years, the provider must participate in a formal quality assurance review conducted in collaboration with the Department. (3-29-10)

**308. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN.**

**01. Disaster Recovery Plan.** The provider must develop and maintain a Disaster Recovery Plan for electronic and hard copy files that includes restoring software and data files, and hardware backup if management information systems are disabled or servers are inoperative. The results of the Disaster Recovery Plan must ensure the continuation of payroll and invoice payment systems. The provider must submit the Disaster Recovery Plan for Department approval during the readiness review. (3-29-10)

**02. Requirement to Report a Disaster.** The provider must report to the Department if management information systems are disabled or servers are inoperative within twenty-four (24) hours of the event. (3-29-10)

**309. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: TRANSITION PLAN.**

**01. Transition Plan Objectives.** The provider must provide a transition plan to the Department within ninety (90) days after successful completion of the readiness review. The objectives of the transition plan are to minimize the disruption of services and provide an orderly and controlled transition of the provider's responsibilities to a successor at the conclusion of the agreement period or for any other reason the provider cannot complete responsibilities described in this chapter of rules. (3-29-10)

**02. Transition Plan Requirements.** The transition plan must: (3-29-10)

**a.** Be updated at least ninety (90) days prior to termination of the provider agreement. (3-29-10)

**b.** Include tasks, and subtasks for transition, a schedule for transition, operational resource requirements, and training to be provided. (3-29-10)

**c.** Provide for transfer of data, documentation, files, and other records relevant to the agreement in an electronic format accepted by the Department. (3-29-10)

**d.** Provide for the transfer of any current, Idaho-specific policy and procedure manuals, brochures, pamphlets, and all other written materials developed in support of agreement activity to the Department. (3-29-10)

**310. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: PERFORMANCE METRICS.**

**01. Readiness Review.** The provider must complete a readiness review conducted by the Department with the provider prior to providing fiscal employer agent services. (3-29-10)

**a.** Required Level of Expectation: The provider must complete one hundred percent (100%) of the readiness review. (3-29-10)

**b.** Method of Monitoring: The Department will access SFTP site for review of provider documents and conduct an onsite review. (3-29-10)

**02. Compliance with Tax Regulations and Labor Laws.** The provider must ensure each participant's compliance with regulations for both federal taxes and state taxes, as well as all applicable labor laws. (3-29-10)

**03. Fiscal Support and Financial Consultation.** (3-29-10)

**a.** The provider must provide each participant with fiscal support and financial consultation. (3-29-10)

**b.** Required Level of Expectation: The provider must respond to ninety-five percent (95%) of participant calls within two (2) business days and to e-mails within five (5) days. (3-29-10)

**04. Federal and State Forms Submitted.** The provider must ensure each participant's compliance with regulations for both federal taxes and state taxes, including preparation and submission of all federal and state forms for each participant and his employees. (3-29-10)

**05. Mandatory Reporting, Withholding, and Payment.** The provider must perform all mandatory

reporting, withholding, and payment actions according to the compliance requirements of the state and federal agencies. (3-29-10)

**06. Payroll Checks.** The provider must issue payroll checks within the two (2) week or semi-monthly payroll cycle, after receipt of completed, approved time sheets. (3-29-10)

**07. Adherence to Support and Spending Plan.** The provider must distribute payments to each participant employee in accordance with participant's support and spending plan. (3-29-10)

**08. Record Activities.** The provider must record all activities in an individual file for each participant and his employees. (3-29-10)

**09. Records in Participant File.** The provider must maintain complete records in each participant's file. (3-29-10)

**10. Manage Phone, Fax, and E-mail for Fiscal and Financial Questions.** (3-29-10)

**a.** The provider must manage toll-free telephone line, fax, and e-mail related to participant fiscal and financial questions. (3-29-10)

**b.** Required Level of Expectation: The provider must respond to ninety-five percent (95%) of participant queries within two (2) business days. (3-29-10)

**11. Tracking of Complaints and Complaint Resolution.** (3-29-10)

**a.** The provider must maintain a register of complaints from participants, participant employees, and others, with corrective action implemented by the provider within one (1) day of the complaint. (3-29-10)

**b.** Required Level of Expectation: The provider must respond to ninety-five percent (95%) of complaints within one (1) business day. (3-29-10)

**12. Web Access to Electronic Time Sheet Entry.** The provider must maintain web access to electronic time sheet entry for participants. (3-29-10)

**13. Participant Enrollment Packets and Employment Packets.** The provider must prepare and distribute participant enrollment packets and employment packets to each participant. (3-29-10)

**14. Payroll Spending Summaries.** The provider must provide each participant with payroll spending summaries and information about how to read the payroll spending summary each time payroll is executed. (3-29-10)

**15. Quarterly Reconciliation.** Each fiscal quarter after initiating service, the provider must reconcile its Medicaid Billing Report to a zero dollar (\$0) balance with the Medicaid Bureau of Financial Operations. The provider has ninety (90) days to comply with reconciling each participant's spending plan balance to a zero dollar (\$0) balance with Medicaid's reimbursements. (3-29-10)

**a.** Required Level of Expectation: The provider must have one hundred percent (100%) compliance with the required quarterly reconciliation of the Medicaid Billing Report. (3-29-10)

**b.** Strategy for Correcting Noncompliance: The provider must notify the Department immediately if an issue is identified that may result in the provider not reconciling the Medicaid Billing Report. The Department will notify the provider when a performance issue is identified. The Department may require the provider to submit a written corrective action plan for Department approval within two (2) business days after notification. If the provider fails to reconcile within ninety (90) days after the end of each quarter, the provider will be penalized fifty dollars (\$50) each week until the provider has reconciled with Medicaid to a zero dollar (\$0) balance. (3-29-10)

**16. Cash Management Plan.** Each provider's cash management plan must equal one point five (1.5)



times the monthly payroll cycle amount. The cash management plan can be forms of liquid cash and lines of credit. For example, in the case that the a provider's current payroll minimum has averaged one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per payroll cycle, the provider would be required to have one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in a cash management plan. The Department must be listed on the notification list if any lines of credit are decreased in the amount accessible or terminated. The expectation is to provide a seamless payroll cycle to the participant, without loss of pay to their employees. (3-29-10)

**311. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: REPORTS.**

**01. Account Summary Statements.** This report provides an overview of each participant account and includes the services accessed and the remaining dollar amount in the budget. In addition to the provider providing this report each month, a participant may request this report for a specified timeframe. Each month, the provider must mail a hard copy of the report to each participant and must also make the report available on a secure website for those who prefer to access the information electronically. The provider must generate the report after every payroll and post it on a secure SFTP site for the Department to access. This SFTP site must have a user name and password protection. (3-29-10)

**a.** Report Format: The provider must provide the account summary statement in Microsoft Excel. (3-29-10)

**b.** Report Due Date: The provider must post the account summary statement by the 10th day of each month. (3-29-10)

**02. Medicaid Billing Report.** This report provides a detailed breakdown of community support worker services rendered by service date per employee, per employer. Each line on this report must provide, at a minimum, the following information: employee name, employee ID number, hours worked, period start, period end, pay rate, service date, check number, check date, participant's name, participant's date of birth, participant's ID number, service code, taxes, and billing amount. This report collects information based on the timeframe specified by the user. The provider must generate the report after every payroll and post it on a secure SFTP site for the Department to access. This SFTP site must have a user name and password protection. (3-29-10)

**a.** Report Format: The provider must provide the Medicaid Billing Report in Microsoft Excel. (3-29-10)

**b.** Report Due Date: The provider must post the Medicaid Billing Report by the 10th day of each month. (3-29-10)

**03. Demographic Report.** This report provides general client demographics in the region and the employee count per participant for each participant in the database. The provider must generate the report after every payroll and post it on a secure SFTP site for the Department to access. This SFTP site must have a user name and password protection. (3-29-10)

**a.** Report Format: The provider must provide the demographic report in Microsoft Excel. (3-29-10)

**b.** Report Due Date: The provider must post the demographic report by the 10th day of each month. (3-29-10)

**04. Criminal History Check Report.** This report provides a breakdown, by participant, of which employees the participant waived the background check, which employees passed or failed the background check, the criminal history reference number, and the date the background check was submitted. This report does not include support brokers. The provider must generate the report after every payroll and post it on a secure SFTP site for the Department to access. This SFTP site must have a user name and password protection. (3-29-10)

**a.** Report Format: The provider must provide the criminal history report in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or PDF. (3-29-10)

**b.** Report Due Date: The provider must post the criminal history report by the 10th day of each month.

(3-29-10)

**05. Medicaid Billing Report.** This report provides a list and count of the unduplicated participants and expenditures by services code based on the time frame specified by the user. The provider must generate the report after every payroll and post it on a SFTP site. Additionally, the provider must provide a quarterly Medicaid Billing Report that can be reconciled quarterly and must work with the Department to reconcile the annual report.

(3-29-10)

**a. Report Format:** The provider must provide the Medicaid Billing Report in Microsoft Excel. (3-29-10)

**b. Report Due Date:** The provider must post the Medicaid Billing Report by 10th day of each month. (3-29-10)

**06. Complaint and Resolution Summary Report.** The provider must analyze complaints received on a quarterly basis to determine the quality of services to participants and must identify any corrective actions and program improvements needed and implemented. The provider must post the report on a secure SFTP site for Department review. (3-29-10)

**a. Report Format:** The provider must provide the complaint and resolution summary report in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or PDF. (3-29-10)

**b. Report Due Date:** The provider must post the complaint and resolution summary report by the 10th day of the month following the end of each annual quarter. (3-29-10)

**07. Customer Satisfaction Survey Report.** The provider must provide a comprehensive report summarizing the results of the customer satisfaction survey completed by each participant. (3-29-10)

**a. Report Format:** The provider must provide the customer satisfaction survey report in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or PDF. (3-29-10)

**b. Report Due Date:** The provider must post the customer satisfaction survey report by December 1 of each year. (3-29-10)

**08. Quarterly Financial Statements.** The provider must provide the Department a quarterly balance sheet and income statement that shows the provider's quarterly financial status and cash management plan cash reserve. (3-29-10)

**a. Report Format:** The provider must provide the quarterly balance sheet and income statement in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or PDF. (3-29-10)

**b. Report Due Date:** The provider must provide the quarterly balance sheet and income statement on the 25th day of the month following the end of each annual quarter. (3-29-10)

## **312. FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

**01. Requirement to Accept a Per Member Per Month (PMPM) Payment.** The Department will pay, and the provider must accept a per member per month (PMPM) payment that covers a comprehensive set of fiscal employer agent services. The Department will set allowable reimbursement rates for PMPM based on a methodology approved by CMS in the DD HCBS Waiver. The provider can only bill the PMPM rate for the months services are actually provided for participants, The provider must provide transition, training, and closeout services during the active agreement, at no additional cost to the Department. (3-29-10)

**02. PMPM Payment Process Requirements.** The payment (PMPM) must include all administrative costs, travel, transition, training, and closeout services. The Department will not pay for participants who do not have a support and spending plan. For the purposes of PMPM payment, one (1) month must include all payroll batch dates

within that specific calendar month. (3-29-10)

**03. Requirement to Complete a Readiness Review.** The provider must complete a readiness review prior to billing for services. (3-29-10)

**313. TERMINATION OF FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT PROVIDER AGREEMENTS.**

**01. Termination of the Provider Agreement.** The following must occur in the event of termination of the provider agreement: (3-29-10)

**a.** The provider must ensure continuation of services to participants for the period in which a Per Member per Month (PMPM) payment has been made, and must submit the information, reports and records, including the Medicaid Billing Report (reconciliation) as specified in Section 310 of these rules. (3-29-10)

**b.** The provider must provide to the Department a written notice ninety (90) days in advance and the change notification must occur at the end of the next calendar quarter. (3-29-10)

**02. Termination of Service to Participant.** In the event of termination of the provider agreement, the provider must provide to the participant a written notice ninety (90) days in advance. The change notification must occur at the end of the next calendar quarter. (3-29-10)

**314. REMEDIES TO NONPERFORMANCE OF A FISCAL EMPLOYER AGENT SERVICE PROVIDER.**

**01. Remedial Action.** If any of the services do not comply with the performance metrics under Section 310 of these rules, the Department will consult with the provider and may, at its sole discretion, require any of the following remedial actions, taking into account the scope and severity of the noncompliance, compliance history, the number of noncompliances, the integrity of the program, and the potential risk to participants. (3-29-10)

**a.** Require the provider to take corrective action to ensure that performance meets the performance metrics under Section 310 of these rules; (3-29-10)

**b.** Reduce payment to reflect the reduced value of services received; (3-29-10)

**c.** Require the provider to subcontract all or part of the service at no additional cost to the Department; (3-29-10)

or

**d.** Terminate the provider agreement with notice. (3-29-10)

**02. Direct Monetary Action.** If any of the performance metrics under Section 310 of these rules are not met, the Department will enforce a fifty dollar (\$50) a week penalty for each performance metric not met. The penalty will be captured prior to any payment from the Department to the provider. (3-29-10)

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