### The New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities



#### NAVIGATING THE DDD SERVICE SYSTEM

NJCAT, GOODS & SERVICES, & HOUSING

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#### Agenda



- Introduction
- DDD Overview
- NJCAT
- Goods & Services
- Housing
- Q&A





#### **DDD Overview**







#### **NJCAT OVERVIEW**





#### **NJCAT** Overview



- Evaluates support needs in three main areas: (1) self-care, (2) behavioral, (3) medical
- Completed online or over the phone
- Reassessment done every five years, more often if needed





#### **NJCAT Overview**



- Results of the NJCAT establish the tier in which an individual is assigned
- Five base tiers: A-E
- Every tier has a corresponding up-to budget amount that funds needed services





## GOODS & SERVICES OVERVIEW





#### Goods and Services



A request for Goods & Services will be reviewed against the following criteria to determine approval:

- Need is disability-related
- Addresses and identified need
- Decreases the need for other services
- promotes community inclusion
- increases safety in the home





#### Goods and Services cont.

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A request for Goods & Services will be reviewed against the following criteria to determine approval:

- Not available through another entity;
- Fully integrated;
- Employment-related;
- Does not benefit someone other than the individual; and
- Available to the general public and not specifically designed for people with disabilities.



#### **Examples of Goods & Services**



- Microwave oven to assist someone in cooking his/her own meals
- Classes within the general public
- Classes for those only with disabilities\*
- Generator
- Ceiling tracks for lifting
- Activity Fees\*
- Diapers and wipes (not approved from Medicaid)

\*Please note that theses examples are not all inclusive of everything that can be funded through this service State of



#### Goods and Services Provider Qualifications



- All providers must exist primarily to serve the general public
- If a provider primarily serves individual with disabilities:
  - The provider must become a Medicaid / DDD approved provider
  - Provide services detailed through section 17 of the Supports Program and Community Care Program manuals.
  - Receive payment through claims submitted to Medicaid.





#### Goods and Service Approval Process



#### All Goods and Service Requests:

- Must be included in ISP
- Require Division Approval
- o Receive a Service Detail Report
- Render service as outlined in the prior authorization
- Submit invoice through FI for payment





# HOUSING OVERVIEW& SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CONNECTION





#### **DDD Overview**







#### Housing Voucher Eligibility



- Active Medicaid
- Receiving services from SP or CCP
- Current NJCAT assessment
- Support coordinator assigned.





#### Housing Voucher Eligibility cont.



<b>Supports Program</b>	Community Care Program
Housing Subsidy for one bedroom or one bed room apartment*	Housing Subsidy for one bedroom or one bedroom apartment*
Must meet Fair Market Rate	Must meet Fair Market Rate
Rent directly with third party landlord	Rent directly with third party landlord
Eligible for Own Apartment/ Shared living arrangement	* Eligible for Group Home / Supervised Apartment Setting





#### Types of Settings for Supports Program

- Own Apartment
- Shared Settings





#### Types of Settings for Community Care Program ONLY

- Group Homes
- Supervised Apartments
- Own Apartment / Shared Settings





#### Who Can I Live With?



- Person receiving services
- Family member or person not receiving services
  - Must pay equal portion of rent\*
  - Name must be on the lease





#### **Tenants Expectation**



- Contribute 30% of Income towards rent\*
- Abide by DDD Subsidy Agreement
- Must meet HUD Quality Standards\*
- Annual Tennent Recertification





#### **DDD Housing Subsidy Program**



All housing subsidy program forms, FAQ's and policy are located on the Division's Community Living Options website

(http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/resources/community/)



