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The Agency for Health Care Administration has received many comments from public stakeholders in response to proposed iBudget cost plan options as presented by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) for implementing the Individual Budgeting (iBudget) Medicaid Waiver program.

APD, as the state agency authorized to operate the iBudget Medicaid waiver program, called "iBudget Florida", has submitted the following clarifications regarding recent the iBudget cost plan proposal:

- APD remains committed to the guiding principles of iBudget including self-direction, equity, simplicity, and sustainability.
- Flexibility for customers to choose the services that are most important to them remains a top priority. As long as health and safety needs are met, individuals will be able to use the iBudget system to select the services that best fit their needs.
- It is not APD's intent to categorize or limit the choice of services available.
- The method for determining the iBudget extraordinary needs component has not been finalized. APD is continuing to review this issue for the best possible solution.

Our understanding from APD is that final decisions regarding any changes made to the iBudget Florida program have not been made. Your feedback as shared with APD is very important in making difficult choices regarding funding as appropriated by the Florida Legislature for the iBudget Florida program.

Thank you very much for your sharing your comments.

