

# Individual Budget

# Learning Objectives

- Know how a budget is determined for a Self-Determination Program participant
- Know how a budget can be modified for a Self-Determination Program participant
- Know what services can and cannot be purchased with an individual budget under the Self-Determination Program

# Individual Budget

The amount of annual funding available to the Self-Determination Program participant for the purchase of services and supports necessary to implement the Individual Program Plan.

# Budget Determination

- For current regional center consumer:
  - Budget is determined by the amount of money spent in the last 12 months on his or her services
- For newly eligible regional center consumers or those with less than 12 months of expenditures:
  - After the IPP team identifies necessary services for the consumer, the regional center determines the cost by using the average cost paid by the regional center for each service

# Budget Modifications

- Can occur if the IPP team determines an adjustment is necessary due to a change in the participant's:
  - Circumstances
  - Needs
  - Resources
- Participants may transfer up to 10 percent of funds between budget categories

# Services

- Must be approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Do not include generic services which must first be exhausted
- Must be documented in the participant's Individual Program Plan
- Financial Management Services providers must be vendored by a regional center; other vendors may or may not be vendored by a regional center

# Services

- The Financial Management Services provider must be vendored by a Regional Center
- The Financial Management Services provider will work with each participant's service coordinator

# Discussion

