

SSDAC Townhall – Financial Management Services (FMS)

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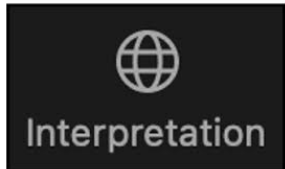
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This is a webinar. That means you will only see committee members who are on camera and invited speakers. You will not see committee members who have chosen to stay off camera or other members of the public.



This is a Townhall meeting. Public comment will be the focus of today's meeting. If time runs out and you are not able to share your comments live, you may submit them through this link <https://bit.ly/SSDAC-FMS-Comments>. Your comments will be summarized and shared with DDS and FMS providers.



Who Is the SSDAC?


The Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) is comprised of the chairs of the 21 local advisory committees or their designees and a Council-appointed Co-Chair. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities is responsible for convening these meetings.

The SSDAC is responsible for identifying best practices, effective training materials, implementation concerns, and systemic issues. The Committee also makes recommendations on ways to enhance the SDP.

The SSDAC is committed to ensuring regional center clients are informed about the program and given the opportunity to achieve more freedom in their lives.

What has the SSDAC been doing?

The SSDAC has had a number of successes over the last few years, including:

- Releasing “the Barriers to Implementing the Self-Determination Program” report in 2020.
 - Creating workgroups to work on Committee identified priorities in between meetings.
 - Developing and releasing the Best Practices Platform.
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What's New With FMS?

The Department of Developmental Services has made several changes to improve participants' experiences and increase access to FMS.

Self-Determination Program Directives

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/program-directives/>

FMS Related Directives

Revised Rates - <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SDP-FMS-Revised-Rates-FINAL.pdf>

FMS Payments - <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Self-Determination-Program-Financial-Management-Services-Payments.pdf>

Additional Resources



As a reminder, the SDP Office of the Ombudsperson is available to answer questions about navigating the program or provide support when appropriate.

You may also visit the SCDD website to learn more about SDP Orientations, hear success stories, find best practices that regional centers are using throughout the state, and more.

Office of the Ombudsperson

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/office-of-the-ombudsperson/>

SCDD SDP Resources

<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-home/>

Why Does the SSDAC Want to Hear From You Today?



We want to celebrate your successes and get a deeper understanding of what you're experiencing with Financial Management Services (FMS).



We believe that you hold the key to learning how we can continue to improve the program. Please share your experience and recommendations. Are these new directives helping? Are more directives needed?



Together, we can problem solve and identify ways to further improve the program. The SSDAC will summarize the information provided today and share it with DDS and FMS providers. DDS will be invited to participate at a future SSDAC meeting to discuss the feedback shared today.



Examples of the Program Working Personal Stories

Lisette Duarte, Parent and Independent Facilitator

Ivôn Muniz Diaz, Parent



When Providing Comments

Remember...

- Keep your comments to 2 minutes per speaker (*exceptions will be made for participants who need language interpretation or who require more time due to disability*)
 - Use the “raise hand” button if you wish to speak. Staff will unmute you when it is your turn to speak.
 - The Q&A will be open throughout the meeting. Please use this feature if you have questions on how to use a feature, etc. Due to time limitations, programmatic questions may not be responded to. However, your questions will be shared with DDS.
 - Share your experiences and ideas...
 - Have the new FMS directives been helpful?
 - Do you have ideas or suggestions to further improve the FMS experience?
 - What questions would you like addressed?
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