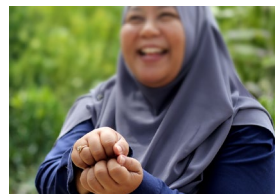


# DDS Update for the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee

December 4, 2024



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# Recent DDS Directives



## **July 2024: Annual Regional Center Report on the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee**

The Department released guidance to regional centers and their SDP Local Volunteer Advisory Committee (LVAC) to include additional requirements for the composition of the committee.



## **July 2024: Initial Person-Centered Plan and Pre-Enrollment Transition Support Guidance**

The Department released guidance to regional centers about the Initial Person-Centered Plan and Pre-Enrollment Transition Supports available to potential SDP participants. This guidance replaced the Department's December 22, 2023 guidance on this subject.



## **July 2024: Updated Good and Services**

The Department released updated correspondence to provide additional guidance regarding goods and services in the SDP by adding Coordinated Career Pathways (CCP) to Enclosure B as a service to be funded outside of the SDP participant's budget.



## **July 2024: Coordinated Career Pathway in the Self-Determination Program**

The Department released guidance to regional centers regarding the new employment service option, CCP. When authorizing the service, regional centers shall fund it outside of the SDP participant's individual budget.



## **November 2024: Weekly Financial Management Services Payments**

The Department released guidance to regional centers regarding payments to Financial Management Services providers on a weekly basis. This directive extends beyond December 31, 2024, until further notice.



# SSDAC FMS Recommendation Updates

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	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Delayed/Missed Payments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide FMS providers with procedures to follow related to consumer spending activities, accurate account balances, payment delays, etc.</li></ul>	FMS Standards are in development and will seek to address delayed and missed payments.
<b>Standardization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create written standards for all FMS providers to follow, including contracts between FMS providers and regional centers, how an FMS communicates with participant, regional centers, and independent facilitators.</li><li>• <b>Standardize employer burden rates</b></li></ul>	<p>FMS Standards are in development and will create a standardized delivery of FMS services across the state with a focus on customer service expectations and participant experience.</p> <p><b>Employer Burden Directive Issued</b></p>

# SSDAC FMS Recommendation Updates

	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Train participants and families in areas where additional training is needed.</li></ul>	Additional opportunities for participant training may be through the development of additional orientation modules, implementation funds and FMS standards.
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide FMS providers with procedures to improve communication between FMS, participants and families, and regional centers; instruct FMS to create clear, understandable contracts.</li></ul>	FMS Standards are in development and will seek to support communication and clear expectations.



# SDP: Previous Areas of Focus

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# Self-Determination Program: Areas of Focus



## Enhanced Data Collection

Completed: Additional data fields are available within the consumer management system to track enrollment and participation in the SDP

Current Stage: **Implemented**



## Financial Management Services Standards and Certification

In Progress: Establish standards and certification process set forth by the department

Current Stage: Finalize Standards and Certification



## Independent Facilitator Standards and Certification

In Progress: Establish standards and certification process set forth by the department

Current Stage: Finalize Standards and Certification

Q&A

