

# SAVE AND IMPROVE THE IBUDGET WAIVER



*The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) works to change laws in order to help people with disabilities. This year, our main focus will be the iBudget Medicaid waiver. The iBudget waiver helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) receive needed services for health and safety and living in their community.*



FDDC will work to save and improve the iBudget waiver. In 2019, Florida lawmakers ruled that the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) and the Agency for People with Disabilities (APD) should make changes to the iBudget waiver. These changes are designed to save money.

However, we want to make sure that any changes made to the iBudget waiver do not get in the way of helping people with I/DD stay included in their communities. We don't want people forced into institutions or more expensive programs.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We support yearly increases in the use of the iBudget waiver that match the need for more services under this funding. By better understanding the needs of those receiving the waiver, future costs can be planned better.
2. We support taking 10% of people off the iBudget waitlist each year. The yearly budget for the waiver should include a regular reduction of the iBudget waitlist.
3. We support increasing provider rates for all iBudget personal support services. This will increase the availability of providers and improve job stability for care workers.
4. We do not support the use of for-profit managed care organizations for people with I/DD.
  - a. People with I/DD have long-term care needs that are not the same as the urgent health care needs of people in institutions like hospitals.
  - b. Very little data exists about using managed care for people with I/DD, so it is hard to determine if this is a good solution.

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