

Developmental Disabilities Services

Fiscal Integrity: Oversight Activities – SFY 2022

DAIL is committed to providing high quality, cost-effective services to support Vermonters with developmental disabilities within the funding available, and to obtain value for every dollar appropriated by the Legislature. Guidance regarding the utilization of funding is provided through regulations, policies, and guidelines, including the following:

- ✚ *Regulations Implementing the Developmental Disabilities Act of 1996*
- ✚ *Vermont State System of Care Plan for Developmental Disabilities Services*
- ✚ *Medicaid Manual for Developmental Disabilities Services*
- ✚ *DDD Encounter Data Submission Guidance for Home and Community-Based Services*

Oversight Activities

DAIL performs a variety of oversight activities to ensure cost-effective services.

- ✚ Verifying eligibility of applicants.
- ✚ Reviewing and approving requests for new DDS caseload funding for new and existing service recipients through Equity and Public Safety Funding Committees.
- ✚ Requiring at least an annual periodic review/assessment of needs for individuals receiving services.
- ✚ Assisting agencies in filling group home vacancies.
- ✚ Providing technical assistance to agencies regarding use of HCBS funding.
- ✚ Performing Quality Services Reviews to determine whether services and supports are of high quality, cost effective, and meet HCBS Rules.
- ✚ Completing reviews of high-cost budgets.
- ✚ Allocating and monitoring funds to DA/SSAs within funds appropriated by the Legislature.
- ✚ Requiring corrective action plans, including repayment of funds, when errors in use of funds are discovered.
- ✚ Monitoring use of Flexible Family Funding, Family Managed Respite and Bridge Program and make funding adjustments when needed.

- ✚ Reviewing and approving HCBS monthly for all individuals with developmental disabilities served by DA/SSAs and who self/family-manage services.
- ✚ Reviewing and approving funding for Unified Service Plans (shared funding from Children's Personal Care Services, High Technology Home Care Services, Department for Children and Families, Department of Mental Health, and Department of Corrections).
- ✚ Reviewing required financial operations data submitted monthly by DA/SSAs.
- ✚ Reviewing required financial operations budgets of DA/SSAs each fiscal year.
- ✚ Working collaboratively to address problems with use of funds identified by the Medicaid Program Integrity Unit and Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Unit.
- ✚ Reviewing HCBS Medicaid claims data to track DA/SSA encounter data submissions, billing rates, approve rates, and assure compliance through billing adjustments when required.
- ✚ Conducting reviews of paid claims to ensure consistency with authorized rates and funding rules in the State System of Care Plan and Medicaid Manual for DDS.