System of Supports (Compares Various Support Entities)

Description	Traditional Case Manager (e.g., TCM, Waiver or Administrative)	Support Broker	FMS Entity
Duties and Responsibilities	Every waiver participant receives support from a case manger. These support functions apply to the entire service plan and do not support the self-directed activity with the services plan. Activities performed by these individuals include: • Assist with the development of the service plan based on medical, social, functional and educational needs of the participant; • Assist with the Level of Care Determination – information and recommendation is forwarded to the State Medicaid Agency for Final Determination; • Assist with services provided by the provider agency; • Link Participant to community services; • Identify Participant desired outcomes and needs under a	Only waiver participants electing self-directed services using individual budget services receive support from a Support Broker. This is a waiver service. SBs may be individuals or agency staff. This position differs from case managers in that they work ONLY with the individual budget portion of the service plan. The following tasks apply to workers hired under the self-directed option not traditional wavier services. SBs: • Attend interdisciplinary planning meetings but presence is not required; • Assist with developing and implementing the individual budget portion of the service plan (SP) (including assisting the service worker or case management to identify risks and develop an individual back-up plan;	Only wavier participants electing self-directed services receive support from the FMS entity. The FMS entity is involved with activities that relate only to the IB: • Manage the individual budget on behalf of the participant; • Pay qualified providers according to the individual budget; • Reimburse individual providers according to approved timesheets; • Execute & maintain provider agreements (on behalf of the Medicaid Agency);; • Report and pay state & federal income taxes, FICA, Medicare, and state and federal unemployment taxes; • Broker Workers Compensation if participant elects coverage; • Verify citizenship status of workers; • Serve as the fiscal agent of the

- person-centered planning process;
- Convene and facilitate interdisciplinary team;
- Develop back-up and risk mgt. plans;
- Assist with service plan implementation of Medicaid and non-Medicaid services;
- Assess progress and outcomes;
- Assist participant to select self-directed option and an individual support broker (if necessary);
- Assist participant to select traditional providers;
- Assist with the determination of the Individual Budget.
- Complies with state incident reporting requirements.

- Develop and manage the individual budget (provides clarification and explanation about program allowable and documentation/record keeping).
- Assist with modifications of the individual budget;
- Provide assistance with recruiting, hiring, managing, evaluating & dismissing selfdirected workers;
- Coordinate activity with FMS entity;
- Assist the participant to verify provider qualifications;
- Assist participant to manage and train direct support staff;
- Ensures all employment paperwork is completed and sent to FMS;
- Provide information about participant responsibilities, rights and concepts of selfdirection;
- Instruct and guide in problem-solving, decision making & recognizing & reporting critical events (we think these individuals are mandatory reporters)
- Serve as an independent advocate:
- Assist the participant to monitor expenditures;
- Assist participant to reapportion funds and to adjust the budget;

- participant (under IRS rules);
- Issue monthly reports of budget balances to participant and support brokers;
- Perform Criminal Background Checks;
- Records IB amount in the ISIS:
- Modify the individual budget part of the service plan based on changes made by participant;
- Notify participant and SP when modifications are made to the IB;
- Communicate with & report to the Support Broker and participant as needed.
- Ensures compliance with state and federal labor requirements.
- Process payment for other goods and service listed in the IB.

		 Notify FMS to ensure changes are implemented within the overall category or budget; and Assure participant is receiving individual budget services (not full plan of care) services. 	
Funding Mechanism	Case Management is a waiver service, may be a state employee or paid via a contract with the county.	ISBs are a waiver service under the self-direction option. Waiver participants freely select their certified ISB.	FMS is a waiver service. Waiver participants freely select their FMS provider.
QM Activities	 Assure services are being provided according to SP; Assess health and welfare status; Modify SP to meet participant changing needs; Refer for additional assessment as needed; Assess participant satisfaction under traditional & self-directed services; Apprise participants of general Medicaid and non-Medicaid rights and responsibilities. 	 Monitor services, service individual budget services only Monthly contact (phone or visit) until IB is implement and thereafter quarterly. If additional is indicated – will do so. Report any critical incidents; Monitor use of risk management and back-ups Coordinates with FMS to the degree asked by the participant. Monitor over & under expenditures in accordance with the FMS. 	Track and monitor individual budget expenditures and provide monthly balance sheets to participant and quality reporting to state. Random financial reviews by Medicaid audit section. Audits by a sampling of the Medicaid Agency audit section. Certified by Medicaid Agency or entity selected by the MA. Notify participant IB balance.
Qualifications	Case Managers – bachelors with experience – may specific to MR/DD Case manager - must have BA degree with 30 hours or human services and at least one year of experience with the population to be serviced.	Be at least 18 years of age or older, submit to Criminal Background Check, cannot be a paid provider, must successfully complete ISB training.	Banking institution or approved credit union.

	Required to have specific exp	knowledge of community	
	or human services field;	resource.	
	minimum of one year of		
	experience working with		
	children or adults with		
	disabilities with a focus on		
	mental health or mental		
	retardation. There are three		
	levels of		
	DD Specialist (based on years		
	of experience).		
Required Training	None required	Certification by the Medicaid	Certified by MA or designated
		Agency	entity.