



Interim Human Services Committee | Representative Matthew Ruby, Chair
Developmental Disabilities System Reimbursement Project 50-06-37

Tina Bay, Developmental Disabilities Director

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Health & Human Services

Developmental Disabilities System Reimbursement Project – NDCC 50-06-37

The department, in conjunction with developmental disabilities community providers, shall maintain a prospective payment system based on a state-approved assessment.

1. The department shall maintain a steering committee consisting of no more than eighteen representatives from all interested providers which must include no more than two clients, no more than one family member of a client, a representative of the department, and a representative of the North Dakota protection and advocacy project.
2. The department may contract with a consultant to continuously improve, in collaboration with the steering committee, the payment system and the resource allocation model tying funding to the state-approved assessment.
3. The department shall conduct the standardized assessment of eligible individuals residing at the life skills and transition center.
4. Data must be analyzed by the steering committee, and the steering committee shall recommend to the department any rate adjustments, resource allocation modifications, or process assumptions, including the state-approved assessment.
5. The department and the steering committee shall report development activities and status information to an interim legislative committee.

Steering Committee – Purpose & Structure

Serve as an advisory resource to HHS regarding payment for DD services, including continued examination of the role of assessments in authorization of services.

Serve as a forum for discussion of trends and quality metric results.

Provide a venue for members to offer feedback on various payment system models and approaches, focusing on how value can be integrated into the payment system.

Review and offer feedback regarding HHS recommendations related to the DD payment system, including comprehensive system reviews as scheduled.

Channel information, needs, and concerns to HHS related to compensation for DD services.

Committee will meet at least twice per year.

2024 Meeting Schedule

- March 13th 1-3pm
- August 14th 1-3pm

Steering Committee - Members

Membership Roster - DD System Reimbursement Project Steering Committee – as of December 2023

Name	Organization	Member Type	Region Served	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Member Type												
						ICF	ResHab	IndHab	DayHab	Employment	In-Home	Fam Care Opt	Ext Home HC	Infant Dev				
1	Borgi Beeler	Kalix	Voting	Provider	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					2,3	2011	2024
2	Bryan Wetch	Cores	Voting	Provider		x	x	x	x	x	x					1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	2017	2025
3	Dori Leslie	Friendship	Voting	Provider	x	x	x	x	x	x						4,5	2017	2025
4	Tony Baker	Pride	Voting	Provider		x	x	x	x	x						7	2023	2026
5	Jeff Jacobson	Lake Region Corp	Voting	Provider	x	x	x	x	x	x						3	2023	2026
6	Scott Burtsfield	Vocational Training Center	Voting	Provider				x	x	x						5	2024	2027
7	Mike Remboldt	HIT	Voting	Provider	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			7,8	2011	2024
8	Tim Eissinger	Anne Carlsen Center	Voting	Provider	x	x	x	x	x	x			x			2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7	2017	2025
9	Vacant		Voting															
10	Pam Mack	Protection & Advocacy*	Voting	P&A													Perm	
11	Trevor Vannett	Service Participant	Voting	Participant													2019	2025
12	Angela Dinius	NDACP	Non-Voting	Assoc													Perm	
13	Vacant	HHS Fiscal	Non-Voting	DHS													Perm	
14	LeeAnn Thiel	HHS Medical Services	Non-Voting	DHS													Perm	
15	Kristen Vander Vorst	HHS DD sec / Field Svc	Non-Voting	DHS													Perm	
16	Tina Bay	HHS DD sec / Director*	Non-Voting	DHS													Perm	
17	Kayla Rahrlich	HHS DD sec/ Ops	Non-Voting	DHS													Perm	

*NDCC Required

- Members will be appointed for a term of 3 years
- Appointments will begin July 1 and will end on June 30
- Appointments will be staggered to ensure consistency of membership
- Members can serve two consecutive terms; term limit for voting members is 6 years
- An individual who has previously served on the Committee is eligible to be re-appointed after at least one year away from committee membership.
- Members who do not actively participate in the work of the committee may be asked to step down at the discretion of DHS to help ensure productive discussion.

Steering Committee - Current Initiatives

Supports Intensity Scale (SIS-A) 2nd Edition

- Assessment is being updated and the sections included in the update are used in the resource allocation methodology. To assess the impact that these updates will have on the system, HHS has contracted with Optumas to conduct an analysis of the impact and make recommendations if necessary.

Inventory for Client & Agency Planning (ICAP) to SIS transition

- Conduct an analysis of the relationship between the two assessments, review the components of the assessments that impact the budget calculations, and make recommendations on ways to reduce the impact the change in assessment has on the authorized hours.



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