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Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services introduces Needs Assessment Teams

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) has developed a review process to ensure that appropriate services and supports are in place for individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD) or Autism (AU) Medicaid Waivers.

Needs assessment reviews will be conducted by Needs Assessment Teams (NATs). Each team will include a nurse, a case manager, a behaviorist, and a quality assurance professional. NATs will ensure that DDRS is appropriately meeting the needs of each individual by taking a comprehensive look at programming, services used, and blend of services. NATs began conducting reviews yesterday, November 30.

NATs will review available information about an individual, including:

- Individualized Support Plans (ISP)
- Plans of Care/Cost Comparison Budgets (POC/CCB)
- Behavioral Support Plans
- Incident Reports (IRs)
- Risk Plans
- Service Utilization Reports

The review process may include a visit by the NATs to the waiver participant's home. Visits will be scheduled by the individual's case manager. Individualized Support Teams (ISTs) are invited and encouraged to attend the review session, but are not required. If the waiver participant is present, the visit will take place. The in-home review will take approximately one hour. NATs may ask questions of the waiver participant and others present, observe the individual in the home, and ask to see program documentation. NATs will document the results of the review, along with their recommendations. This information will be sent electronically to DDRS.

For questions and more information, contact DDRS. Email: BDDSHelp@fssa.IN.gov . Phone: 1-800-545-7763. The DDRS website: <http://www.ddrs.IN.gov> . If clicking the link does not work, copy and paste the link into your browser's address bar.

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