

NEW JERSEY  
COMPREHENSIVE  
ASSESSMENT TOOL



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# APPLYING FOR DDD SERVICES

## – DDD Eligibility is Based on a Functional Test

- Mental or physical impairment
- Manifest before the age of 22
- Is likely to continue indefinitely
- Substantial functional limitation in 3 of 7 areas of major life activity
  - Self-care
  - Expressive and Receptive Language
  - Learning
  - Mobility
  - Self-direction
  - Capacity for Independent Living
  - Economic Self-sufficiency



# HOW DOES DDD DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF NEED AND SET THE BUDGET

- The New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool(“NJCAT”)
  - Answers assess level of need and determine the budget
  - When responding to the questions:
    - **Think of your child in a world without supports**
    - Think of your child’s abilities in comparison to a typically developing peer of the same age
    - If you have to qualify your answer ... yes but... answer no.
    - Think of your child on his or her worst day, not on their best day

**Must answer all questions honestly**

# EXAMPLES OF COMMON PITFALLS

- Division uses very easy examples
  - Ex. one-step direction such as “look at me”
  - Think more broadly, can they follow one-stop directions at school or at their job?
  - Other one-step directions:
    - Put your book bag down
    - Go get your shoes
    - Put away your coat

# ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

- For example: eating, toileting, showering, adjusting water temp, drying after showering, washing hands/face
- Answers in this section are:
  - Has Not Done (Had no opportunity or is not able)
  - Lots of Assistance (Requires lots of hands on)
  - Mainly Supervision (Requires mainly verbal prompts)
  - Independent (Starts and finishes without prompt or help)
    - Only if your child does 100% of the time and gets desired outcome

# ACTIVITIES OF INEPENDENT LIVING

- All the skills you need to live independently: cooking, cleaning, making a bed, doing laundry, etc.
- Before answering these questions, imagine your child is living in apartment without any supports.

# SELF-DIRECTION: ABILITY TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT

- Questions such as deciding what to do on weekdays/weekends, having company over, leaving the house, going places
- Answers are:
  - Others Decide
  - Both Decide
  - Child Decides

# OTHER SAMPLE QUESTIONS

- Uses complete sentences when carrying on a conversation
- Does your child carry on a conversation?
  - Give and take, back and forth?
  - Engaging in conversation, same subject matter?
- May be able to use complete sentences but not carry on a conversation with another
  - Break down questions and make sure all components are met



# ACUITY AND TIER ASSIGNMENTS

- Acuity means your child has significant behavioral and/or medical needs
- Acuity factors increase the child's budget (remember, budget is based on level of need)
- Tiers: Aa, Ba, Ca, Da, Ea
  - “a” = acuity
- Make sure you answer the behavioral and medical questions as accurately as possible

# SUPPORTS PROGRAM

# COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM





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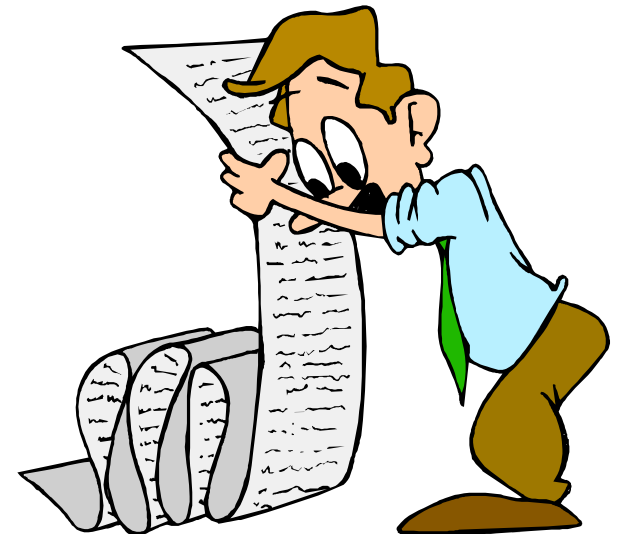
Topic: Quick Guide – Updated Waiver Program Budgets  
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Supports Program			
Tier	Employment/Day	Ind/Family Supports	Total
A	\$17,050	\$6,186	\$23,236
Aa	\$24,135	\$6,186	\$30,321
B	\$21,716	\$12,371	\$34,087
Ba	\$30,701	\$12,371	\$43,072
C	\$26,842	\$12,371	\$39,213
Ca	\$38,016	\$12,371	\$50,387
D	\$39,802	\$18,557	\$58,359
Da	\$56,333	\$18,557	\$74,890
E	\$52,820	\$18,557	\$71,377
Ea	\$74,765	\$18,557	\$93,322

Community Care Program				
Tier	Employment/Day	Ind/Family Supports	Individual Supports	Total
A	\$17,050	\$6,186	\$31,011	\$54,247
Aa	\$24,135	\$6,186	\$60,795	\$91,116
B	\$21,716	\$12,371	\$62,021	\$96,108
Ba	\$30,701	\$12,371	\$121,589	\$164,661
C	\$26,842	\$12,371	\$103,368	\$142,581
Ca	\$38,016	\$12,371	\$202,648	\$253,035
D	\$39,802	\$18,557	\$144,716	\$203,075
Da	\$56,333	\$18,557	\$283,708	\$358,598
E	\$52,820	\$18,557	\$186,063	\$257,440
Ea	\$74,765	\$18,557	\$364,767	\$458,089

# TIER AND THE CCP

- A, B and some C will not meet CCP clinical eligibility
- This is decision can be appealed



# Thank you!

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