

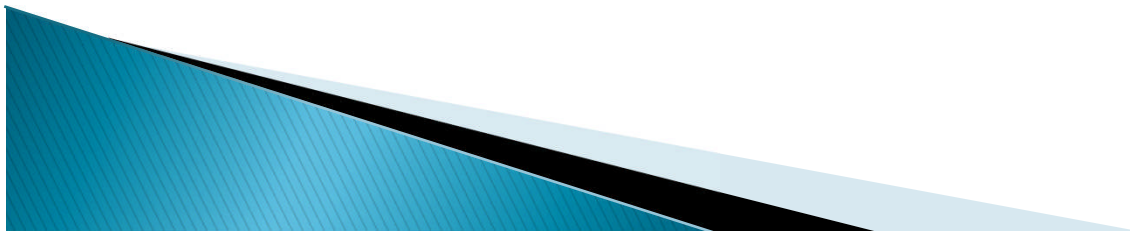


Planning Ahead: What You Need to Know Now

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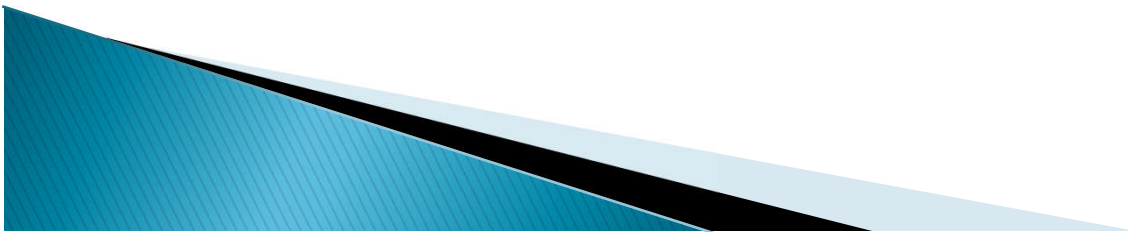
History

- ▶ 1972 –Willowbrook Exposure (Geraldo Rivera)
- ▶ 1975 – Closure of NYS Institutions by decree Governor Hugh Carey
- ▶ 1978 – Creation of Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
- ▶ Development of Community Residences and Day Programs
- ▶ Creation of HCBS Medicaid Waiver 1993–2013
- ▶ 1115 Medicaid Waiver



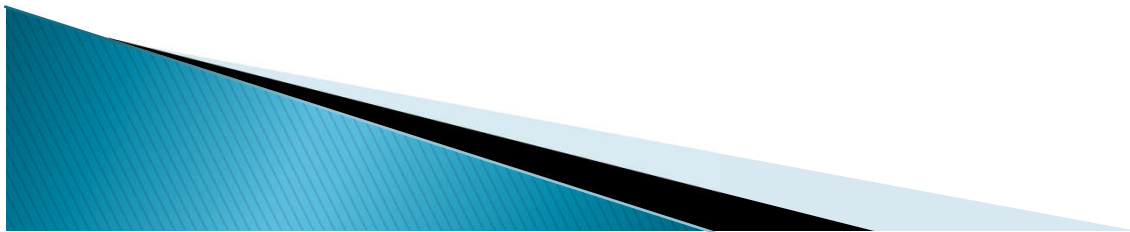
1115 Waiver – What do we know?

- ▶ This is the drastic Change to the dd system since the closure of Willowbrook and deinstitutionalization
- ▶ Plan is very fluid, many unknowns
- ▶ HCBS Waiver expires 2012 – the system will change
- ▶ Most OPWDD services are funded by Medicaid



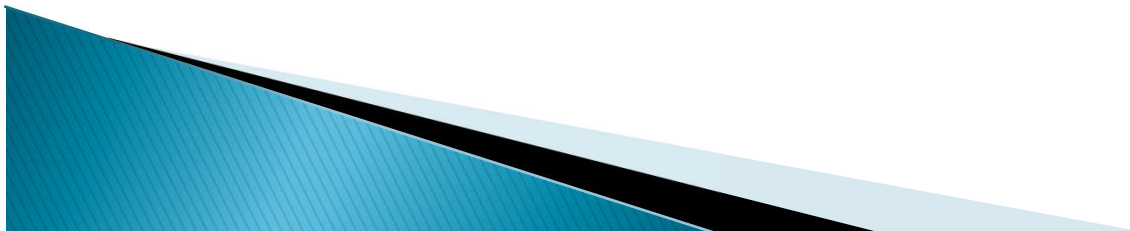
Goals of the 1115 Waiver

- ▶ Increase person centered services
- ▶ Self Determination
- ▶ Choice
- ▶ Community Inclusion
- ▶ Flexibility of services
- ▶ Access to needed services
- ▶ Efficiencies by reducing costs



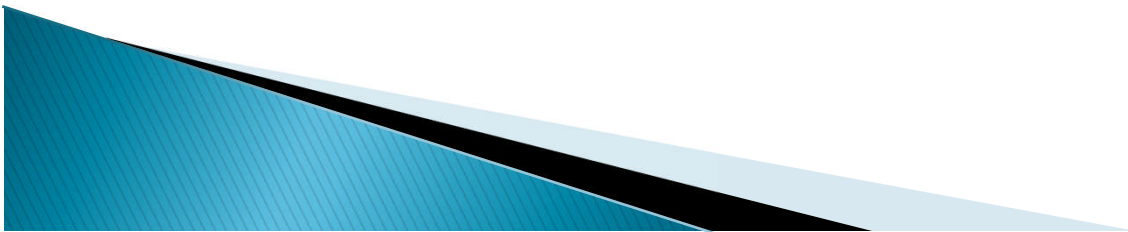
1115 Implementation

- ▶ Services will be delivered through managed care organizations
- ▶ All services will be incorporated into a Comprehensive Plan of Care
 - long term disability services
 - medical & dental care
- ▶ Developmental Disabilities Individualized Support and Care Coordination Organizations (DISCOs) will manage plans



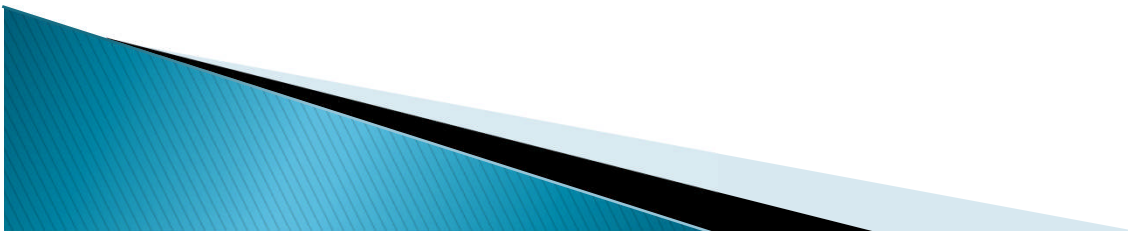
What will the DISCOs do???

- ▶ DISCOs will be paid a specified amount per person to cover all expenses
- ▶ DISCOs will have a network of providers similar to medical insurance companies
- ▶ Discos will serve as fiscal intermediaries, contracting with and paying providers for comprehensive Medicaid services
- ▶ DISCOs can also provide Medicaid services



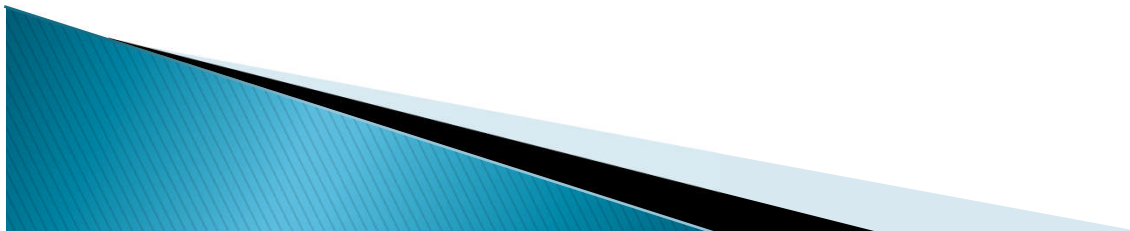
How will DISCOs decide what rate to pay for each person?

- ▶ Individual assessments will be done for every person in the system
- ▶ Amount of pay will be based on the assessment of the person's needs and supports
- ▶ Newly developed instrument and assessment will be done by an outside entity (unknown)
- ▶ Accuracy and fairness of evaluator is critical
- ▶ Families will select from two DISCOs



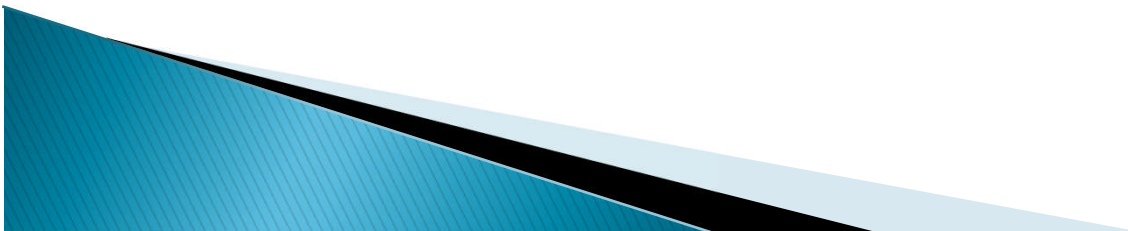
Sustainability

- ▶ Current NYS delivery system for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities is not sustainable (we must reduce costs)
- ▶ Change is necessary for long term support for all individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities
- ▶ Managed Care and Care Coordination is the leading Health Care System throughout NYS and the nation



What can we do? ADVOCATE

- ▶ Stay Informed – Read OPWDD 5.07 plan defining the strategy of the 1115 waiver
- ▶ Listen to testimony from the hearing held by OPWDD on November 9th, 2011
- ▶ <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/2011waiver/images/publichearingform.pdf>



Speak to your elected officials

- ▶ Choose one or two points (hand out)
- ▶ Join Advocacy Groups that are focused and proactive
- ▶ Develop strategic partnerships with provider organizations
- ▶ Commit to “adding value”
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