What is Self-Direction Series

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IDGS is a Medicaid-funded section of the SD budget for services, equipment or supplies that address an identified need in a participant's service plan. For any item/service to be approved for IDGS funding in any category it must pass all 4 OPWDD Self-Direction program criteria. SD funds cannot be used to purchase IDGS services if available through Medicaid State Plan or OPWDD Home-Community-Based Services.

What are the OPWDD IDGS 5 Criteria for eligibility?

1. Related to a valued outcome
2. Increase the person's independence
3. Promote community inclusion and/or increases safety and independence
4. Be accommodated without compromising the person's health or safety
5. Provided exclusively for the benefit of the self-directing person

What is AIM IDGS Reimbursement Criteria?

1. OPWDD Self-Direction Guidance/IDGS 4 Criteria
2. Supporting Documents (Life Plan & Staff Action Plan-if applicable)
3. Open budget category/budget effective date prior to purchase
4. Itemized invoice, proof of payment, additional reimbursement criteria as requested

What are the benefits of IDGS?

<u>The self-directing person:</u>

- Makes choices about the goods & services they wish to receive
- Selects who is paid to provide them or how they are purchased
- Maintains Budget Authority within a Personal Resource Account
- Works in partnership with the Fiscal Intermediary to access reimbursement of the good or service of their choice

What is next?

<u>Connect with your Team Members!</u>

Circle of Support (Care Manager & Broker)

Team SD Coordinator & AP Specialist

Reimbursable Services & Education & Training Teams

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