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Removal of Community Specialist (CS) and Individual Directed Goods and Services (IDGS)

The budget passed by the Missouri General Assembly and submitted to the Governor for signature did not include funding for two services **beginning July 1, 2026**: Community Specialist (CS) and Individual Directed Goods and Services (IDGS). Therefore, CS and IDGS will be removed as services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). CS and IDGS will be removed from the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers administered by DDD upon approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Targeted Case Management (TCM) Providers:
Support Coordinators shall assist individuals and/or legally responsible persons with identifying any ongoing unmet needs through the person-centered planning process. All other possible sources to meet the individual's current health, safety, and welfare needs shall be explored, including but not limited to: natural supports (family, friends, or other informal supports); private health insurance; MO HealthNet (Medicaid) state plan; Senate Bill (SB) 40 Boards, etc. If an impacted individual has a new and/or increased service need discovered during the person-centered planning process, existing utilization review (UR) policies and procedures apply. As a reminder, an HCBS waiver is "payer of last resort". All other possible funding sources must be explored and/or utilized before accessing through an HCBS waiver. HCBS waiver services can only be authorized for services beyond the scope, frequency, and duration of MO HealthNet state plan.

HCBS Service Providers:
DDD will amend provider contracts and CS and IDGS authorizations will be ended in CIMOR effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2026. Existing billing policies and procedures shall be followed for applicable services delivered prior to service removal.

Please reference the corresponding Memorandum to Individuals and Families, Division Staff, TCM and Service Providers re Community Specialist and Individual Directed Goods and Services. Questions and comments should be directed to ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.