



MEMORANDUM

To: Family Supports Waiver Participants
Community Supports Waiver Participants
Community Pathways Waiver Participants
Community First Choice Participants
Community Personal Assistance Services Participants

From: Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary *Dennis R. Schrader*

CC: Bernard Simons, Deputy Secretary, Developmental Disabilities Administration
Steve Schuh, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing and Medicaid
Carol A. Beatty, Secretary, Maryland Department of Disabilities

Re: Financial Management and Counseling Services

Date: June 23, 2022

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) supports participants' choice of Financial Management and Counseling Services (FMCS) providers.

MDH is pleased to announce the selection of the following FMCS providers:

- GT Independence;
- Public Partnerships LLC; and
- The Arc Central Chesapeake Region.

FMCS services support individuals who choose to self-direct. FMCS assists participants with employer and budget-related hiring, accounting, and payroll functions. These services will be enhanced based on national best practices. FMCS services will be available for the following Medicaid home- and community-based services programs:

- Family Supports Waiver;
- Community Supports Waiver;
- Community Pathways Waiver;
- Community First Choice (CFC), and
- Community Personal Assistance Services (CPAS).

Our main priority is to ensure that there is no gap in services or payment to your employees, vendors, or service providers. You will receive additional information about each of the

available FMCS providers to help you make an informed decision about your services and supports.

Additional information regarding the transition plan for participants in the Family Supports Waiver, Community Supports Waiver, and Community Pathways Waiver is attached. Support and technical assistance will be provided to new and existing participants and to their support teams from the new FMCS vendors, the DDA Regional Office Advocacy Specialist, and Self-Directed Leads.

FMCS will be new to CFC and CPAS. CFC and CPAS program participants will be able to access self-directed services in the future though a timeline has not yet been established. Additional information will be provided during the program's development of its self-directed service delivery model.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the MDH FMCS Program Manager, Monica Hariri, at monica.hariri@maryland.gov or the respective program contact listed below:

Family Supports Waiver, Community Supports Waiver, Community Pathways Waiver:

- Kristi Culbreth, Developmental Disabilities Administration's Statewide Coordinator of Self-Directed Services at kristina.culbreth@maryland.gov.

Community First Choice and Community Personal Assistance Services programs:

- Mansi Shukla, Chief, Division of Participant Enrollment and Service Review, Office of Long Term Services and Supports, at mansi.shukla@maryland.gov.