



## Expand Consumer Directed Community Supports

**Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS)** allows people accessing Medical Assistance (MA) waivers to manage their funding in the most effective, self-directed way possible and access services and supports in inclusive settings of their choice.

### 2019 proposal

- To address the workforce shortage, allow staff to provide shared care to more than one individual utilizing CDCS.
- Request that behavior support services be paid for outside of the CDCS budget, so individuals are able to access these critical services without being limited by CDCS budget constraints.
- Fund a statewide marketing campaign to raise awareness of the benefits of CDCS for individuals and families, and the supports that are available for them as well as lead agency staff.

**Expanding access to and awareness of CDCS will help individuals with disabilities and their families take ownership over decisions about services and supports, increase flexibility and choice, and results in a more cost-effective and person centered option.**

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