

## Interagency Cooperation

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The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS or Division) has other formal and informal interagency arrangements and levels of cooperation.

### **State Medicaid Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act**

The South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) is the State's Medicaid Agency. The South Dakota Department of Human Services has the following agreements with the DSS Medicaid Agency.

#### Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation as well as Guardianship and Conservatorship

This agreement was implemented on August 1, 2013 to assure each agency's response to meet the needs of persons who are at risk for abuse, neglect and exploitation or in need of guardianship and or conservatorship services.

#### ASPIRE Agreement

This agreement was implemented on September 28, 2014 for the data exchange with Medicaid information for the research project Achieving Success by Promoting Readiness for Education and Employment (ASPIRE).

#### Interagency Teams

This agreement was implemented on November 20, 2001 to meet the need for continued interagency involvement at the local level and the need to continue these efforts in an efficient as well as effective manner. This agreement will maximize utilization of resources available through the State of South Dakota; fully recognize and utilize the capacity and expertise of each agency; and encourage the continuing efforts and participation of local interagency teams.

#### Money Follows the Person

This agreement was implemented on June 10, 2014 for the implementation of the Money Follows the Person initiative involving persons eligible for waiver services.

#### Medicaid Fraud Control

This agreement was implemented on July 1, 2015 for the purpose of defining mutual responsibilities in the Medicaid Program to ensure maximum efficiency and benefit to the State and to minimize duplication of effort.

#### Title XIX Medicaid Funding Memorandum of Understanding

This agreement was implemented on February 15, 2013 for the purpose of defining administrative and fiscal accountability responsibilities.

### **State Agency Responsible for Developmental Disabilities**

The South Dakota Department of Human Services/Division of Developmental Disabilities is the state agency responsible for providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities. This agency

is in the same department as the State Vocational Rehabilitation Programs allowing regular communication between programs.

#### Transition Services for Youth with Disabilities

This agreement was implemented on January 2014 for the purpose of enabling students with disabilities to reach their maximum potential in their transition from high school to the adult world. This agreement included the State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies, Developmental Disabilities Agency, Department of Social Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services, Department of Education/Special Education and the Department of Labor and Regulations.

#### Policy Memorandum with Developmental Disabilities

The Division of Developmental Disabilities updated the Policy Memorandum on September 11, 2013 with the Divisions of Rehabilitation Services and Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired. This Policy Memorandum defines how each agency's funding sources are coordinated in regards to the time limited and on-going support services. This policy agreement has had a significant impact in changing how services are provided to individuals with the most significant impediments to obtain and maintain their employment.

### **State Agency Responsible for Providing Mental Health Services**

The South Dakota Department of Social Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services is the state agency responsible for providing services to individuals with mental illness. In May of 2010, a Memorandum was established to help coordinate the services and funding between the Divisions of Behavioral Health Services, Rehabilitation Services, and Service to the Blind & Visually Impaired. This document serves as a policy directive for the Community Mental Health Centers and the local Vocational Rehabilitation Offices. It provides guidance in three areas relative to providing vocational services for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness:

1. What services can and should be provided by the Community Mental Health Center,
2. What services are available from Vocational Rehabilitation, and
3. Which Division pays for the different services.