2017 Family Support Camp Funding Assistance

The New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Family Support program may be able to provide limited funding assistance for individuals who plan to attend camp in 2017. As with all Division services, funding for camp is based on available resources. The deadline to apply for camp funding assistance is Friday, May 19, 2017.

Please note that the Division is transitioning to a Medicaid-based, fee-for-service system. For individuals not enrolled in the Supports Program or transitioned into fee-for-service, Family Support funding for the 2017 camp season (July-August) will continue to be processed as it has been in the past. Please see Important Note for Individuals Enrolled in Fee-for-Service on page 2.

Who is Eligible to Apply for Camp Funding Assistance?

- Individuals who are eligible to receive Division-funded services and are living in their own homes with uncompensated caregivers
- Individuals who receive an individual budget for Self Directed Day Services only and not enrolled in the Supports Program.

Which Camps Will Be Considered for Funding Assistance?**

- Division-contracted camps
- Camps on the Division’s qualified provider list

How Much Camp Funding Assistance is Available?

- The Division will attempt to provide camp funding assistance to individuals for:
  - Qualified Camps: up to 6 nights of residential camp OR up to 10 days of day camp
  - Contracted Camps: up to 6 nights of residential camp OR up to 10 days of day camp
  - Caregivers are encouraged to arrange to cover camp funding first through: private funds; contacting local township recreation departments; contacting civic groups (e.g., Elks, Shriners, etc.); camp scholarship funds that may be available through organizations like United Way

Additional Information About Camp Funding Assistance

- The deadline for submitting requests for camp funding assistance from the Division of Developmental Disabilities is Friday, May 19, 2017.
- Camp funding assistance from the Division is not guaranteed and caregivers should always consider their ability to afford any and all registered camp dates.
  - The Division does not provide assistance with the following camp-related costs: registration fees, transportation, cost of trips taken during the camp stay
- Some camps require caregivers to remit full camp payment in advance, promising reimbursement to the caregiver once funding assistance payment is received from the Division.
  - Please note that the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is not responsible for any promised reimbursements from camps that require advance payment.
  - Caregivers can attempt to negotiate with camps and request that camps rely on the Division’s payment system, but this negotiation is undertaken privately by the caregiver.
How Do We Request Camp Funding Assistance from the Division?

- Individuals must register for camp prior to submitting a request to the Division for camp funding assistance.
- Individuals must provide the Division with a copy of the camp registration form and/or camp acceptance letter.
- Requests to the Division for camp funding assistance should be submitted to the assigned Division contact:
  - The individual’s Case Manager or Support Coordinator (or if neither of these is your Division contact, the request can be submitted to an Information and Referral Specialist at the Division of Disability Services’ Office of Information and Assistance Services: 888.285.3036).

When Will Caregivers be Notified?
When a request for camp funding assistance is approved by the Division, caregivers will be notified by the camp. The caregiver will work directly with the camp to finalize details.

When Will Camp Funding Assistance Payment be Made?
Requests for camp funding assistance that are approved by the Division will be paid directly to the camp after the individual’s camp session has ended.

Important Note for Individuals Enrolled in Fee-for-Service

Supports Program: Individuals enrolled in the Supports Program will access camp through their Supports Program budget. The appropriate service (Respite-Day Camp Only or Respite-Overnight Camp) must be prior authorized through the Individualized Service Plan.

Community Care Waiver (CCW) Program: Individuals enrolled in the CCW program who have transitioned into fee-for-service will access camp through their new fee-for-service budget. The appropriate service (Respite-Day Camp Only or Respite-Overnight Camp) must be prior authorized through the Individualized Service Plan.

In order to provide Division-funded services in the new fee-for-service system, providers must complete and submit the Combined Application to Become a Medicaid/DDD Approved Provider, available on the Provider Portal page of the Division’s website (in the case of camp, the provider must be approved for Respite services). Please check with your selected camp to ensure it has completed the process to become a Medicaid/DDD approved provider for Respite services.

**All Division-funded camp services must be provided in the state of New Jersey with very limited exceptions. Services provided at camps that are physically located outside of New Jersey are not reimbursable by the Division unless all of the following criteria are met:

- 100% of administrative operations of the camp occurs in the state of New Jersey
- All payroll functions are completed in the state of New Jersey
- The camp is incorporated in the state of New Jersey as a 501(c)(3) organization
- The camp is not a subsidiary corporation of a larger entity
- At least 80% of the activities of the camp’s Board of Directors are held in the state of New Jersey
- A majority of camp attendees must be from the state of New Jersey
- All camp services must be within 50 miles from the New Jersey state border
- The camp must have been in operation at the same location since at least 1985
- The camp must be in compliance with all other Division policies and procedures in order to be reimbursed for services rendered.