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Innovations Waiver Update



What is a waiver?

- **Allows states to provide services in the community**
- **Allows states to provide services that they would not otherwise be able to provide**
- **Allows states to waive ‘statewideness’**
- **Allows states to use ‘family of one’ when determining eligibility**



Innovations

- Provides an array of services and supports
- Provides an alternative for Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID)
- Statewide



Goals of the Waiver

- **To support waiver beneficiaries to be fully functioning members of their community**
- **To promote promising practices that result in real life outcomes for beneficiaries**
- **To offer service options that will facilitate each individual's ability to live in homes of their choice, have employment or engage in purposeful day of their choice and achieve their life goals**
- **To provide the opportunity for all individuals to direct their services to the extent that they choose.**



Goals of the Waiver

- To provide educational opportunities and supports to foster the development of stronger natural support networks that enable individuals to be less reliant on formal support systems
- To ensure the wellbeing and safety of the people served
- To maximize individuals' self-determination, self-advocacy and self-sufficiency
- To increase opportunities for community integration through work, life-long learning, recreation and socialization



Goals of the Waiver

- To deliver person centered services that leverage natural and community supports
- To provide quality services and improve outcomes



Objectives of the Waiver

- **Enhancing the focus on person centered planning and aligning services and supports with person centered plans**
- **Reforming residential service to facilitate smaller community congregate living situations**
- **Facilitate living and working in the most integrated settings**
- **Improving outcome-based quality assurance systems**



One Tool in the Toolbox

- **Waiver services**
- **Medicaid services**
- **State funded services**
- **Community Resources**

Resource Allocation

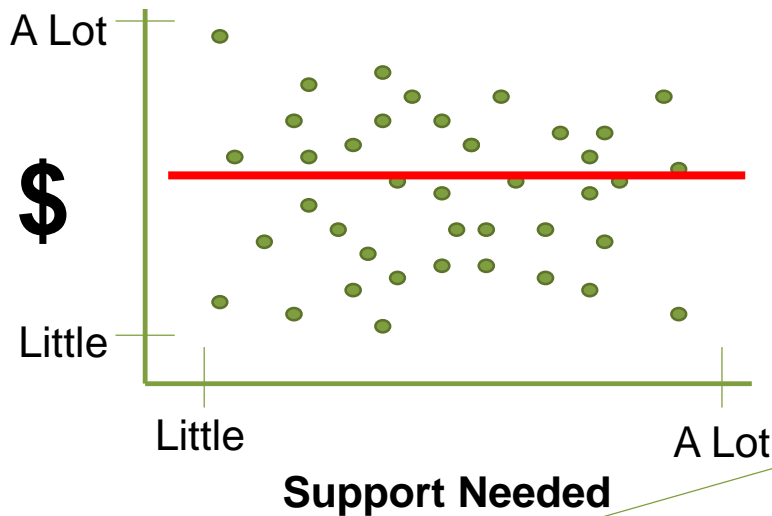


Session Law 2011-264

- **Reduce the trend of escalating costs in the State Medicaid Program**
- **Ensure medically necessary care**
- **Deploy a system for the allocation of resource based on the reliable assessment of intensity of need**
- **Efficiently direct consumers to appropriate services and to ensure that consumers receive no more and no less than the amount of service determined to be medically necessary and at the appropriate funding level**

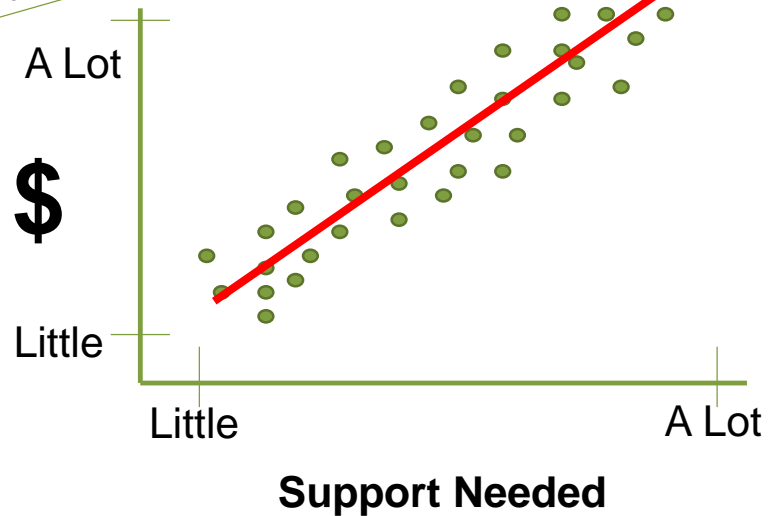
Resource Allocation

- **Is a way that policy makers can make disciplined fiscal choices that are fair, make the best use of available money, but are also consistent with driving system principles.**
- **Resources are allocated to people based on their assessed level of need so that each person receives what they need – no more and no less.**
- **The resulting model is a ‘best fit’ solution so care must be taken to accommodate individuals with extensive needs.**

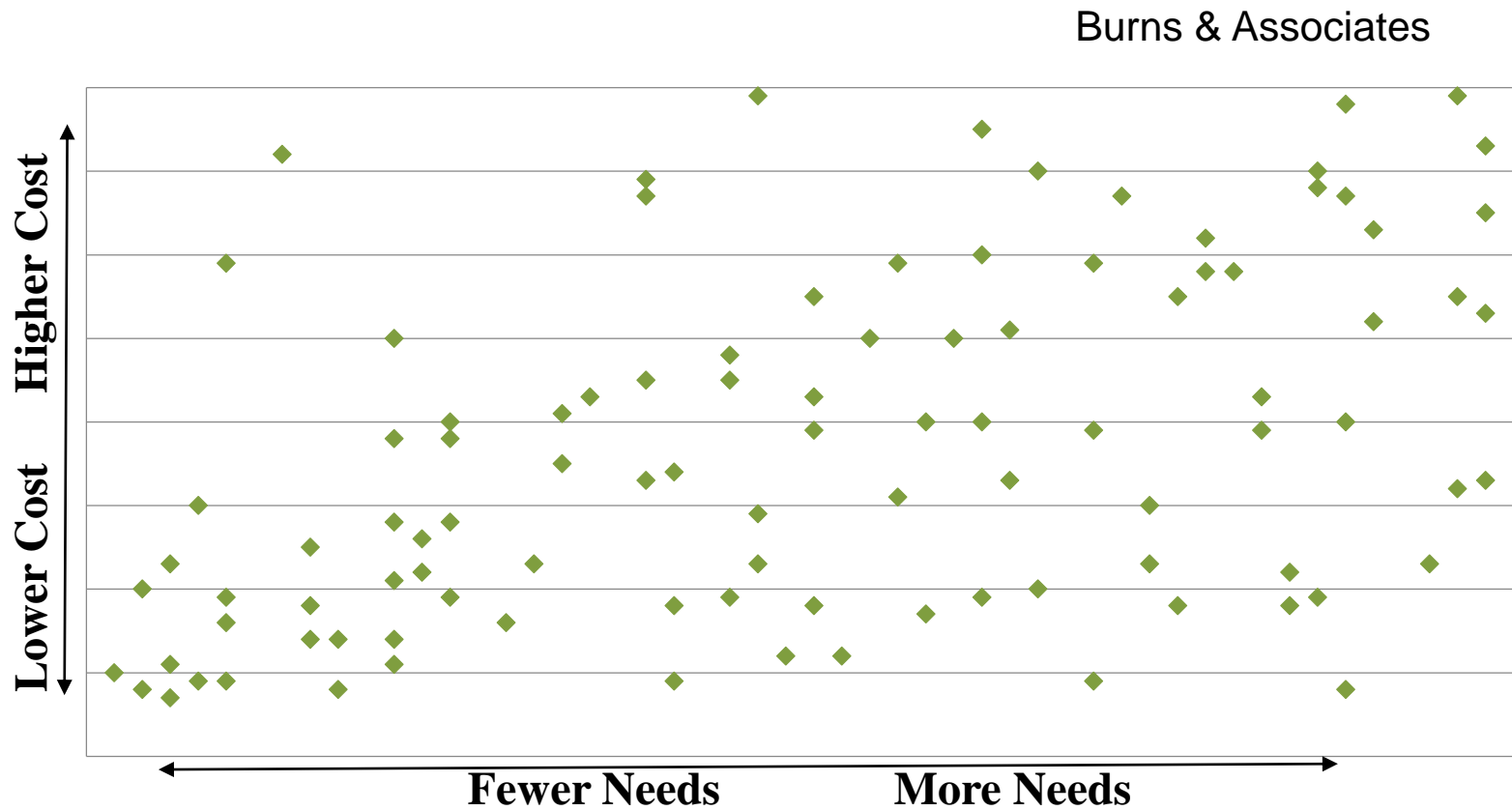


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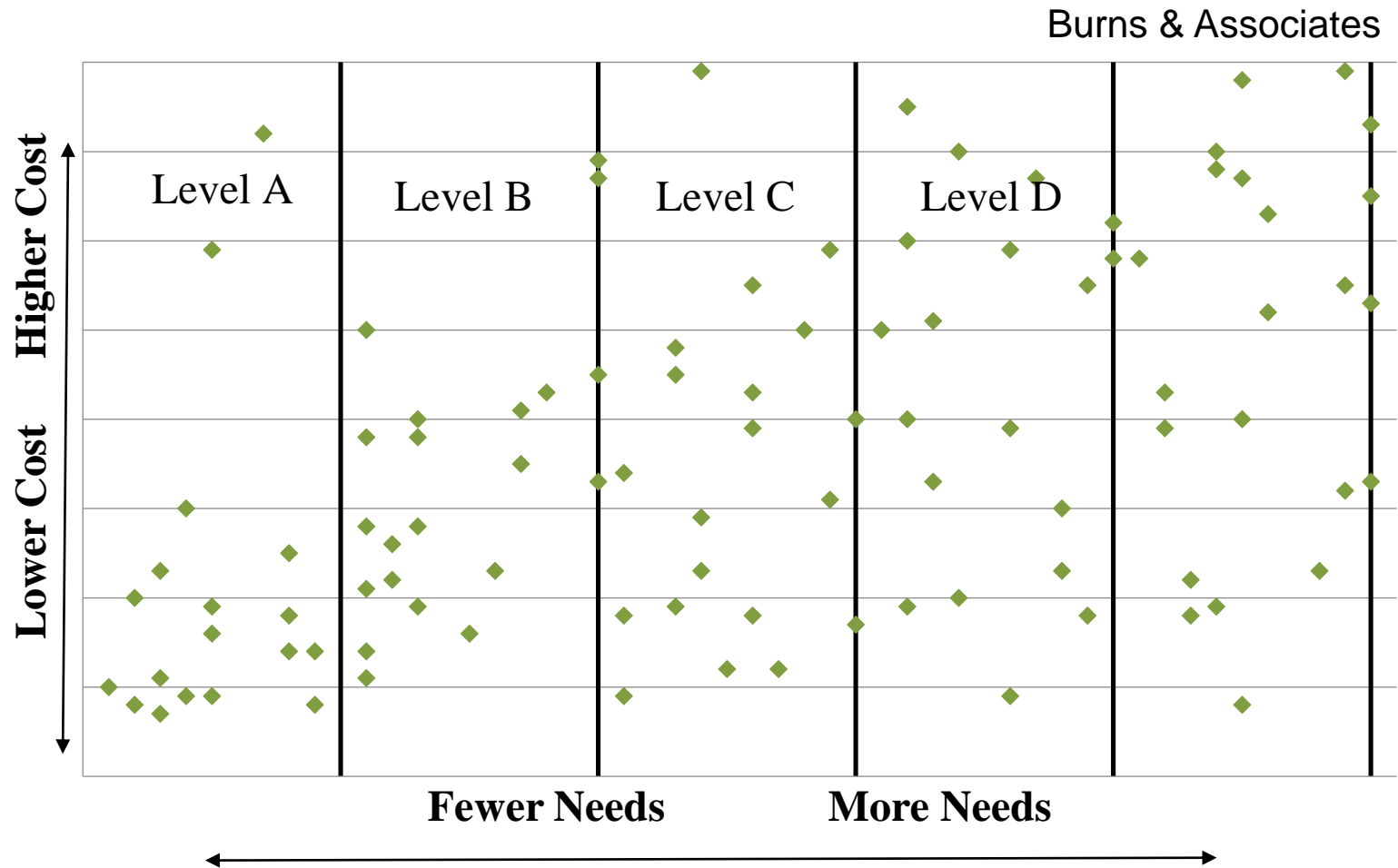
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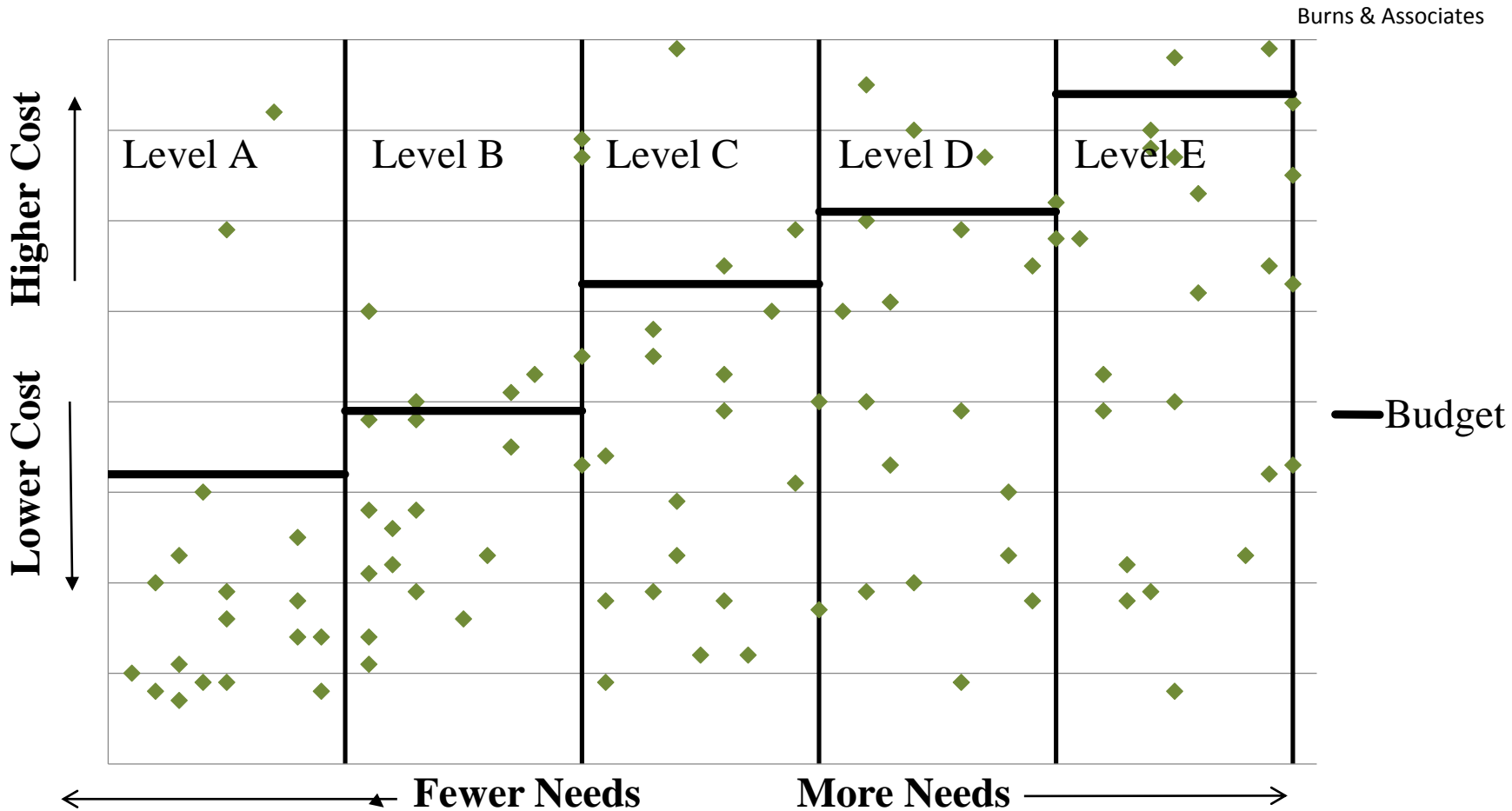
Only a modest relationship between needs and supports with significant variability among individuals with similar needs (each diamond represents an individual)



First, levels are established to group individuals with similar needs



Those above the budget for their Level are reduced (and may be stepped down over time); those below may or may not increase based on their decisions



Supports Intensity Scale ®

- Assessment tool to measure the support an individual needs to live a meaningful life in the community
- Used to inform supports planning and resource allocation
- Questions about:
 - Home Activities
 - Community Activities
 - Health and Safety
 - Medical and Behavioral Challenges

For information on SIS reliability, validity & use: <http://www.siswebsite.org/>

Supports Intensity Scale

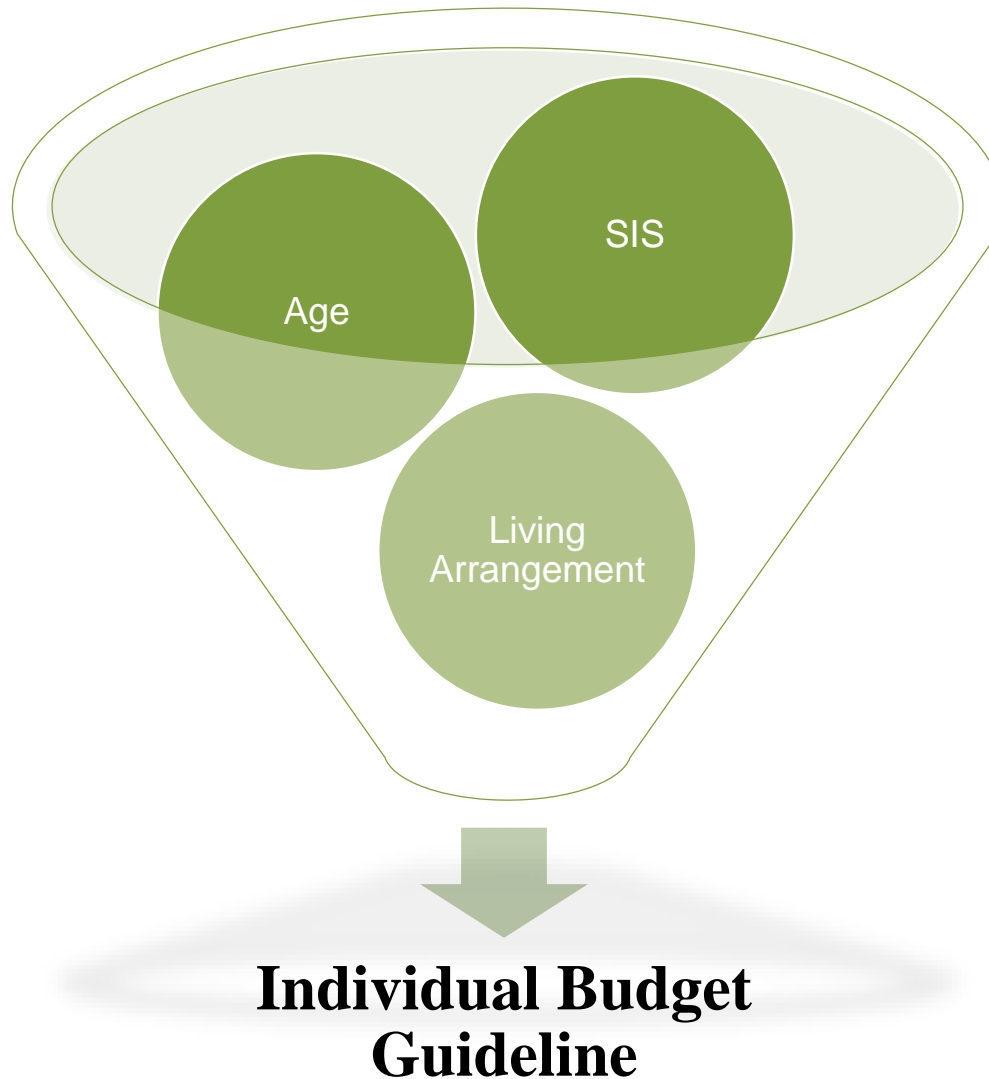
Three sections to the assessment:

- **Section 1:** support needs for home living, community living, lifelong learning, employment, health and safety and social activities
- **Section 2:** support needs for speaking up for him/her self and others (advocacy), managing money, making choices and staying safe
- **Section 3:** support needs for medical and behavioral challenges

Supplemental Questions

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Individual Budget Tool



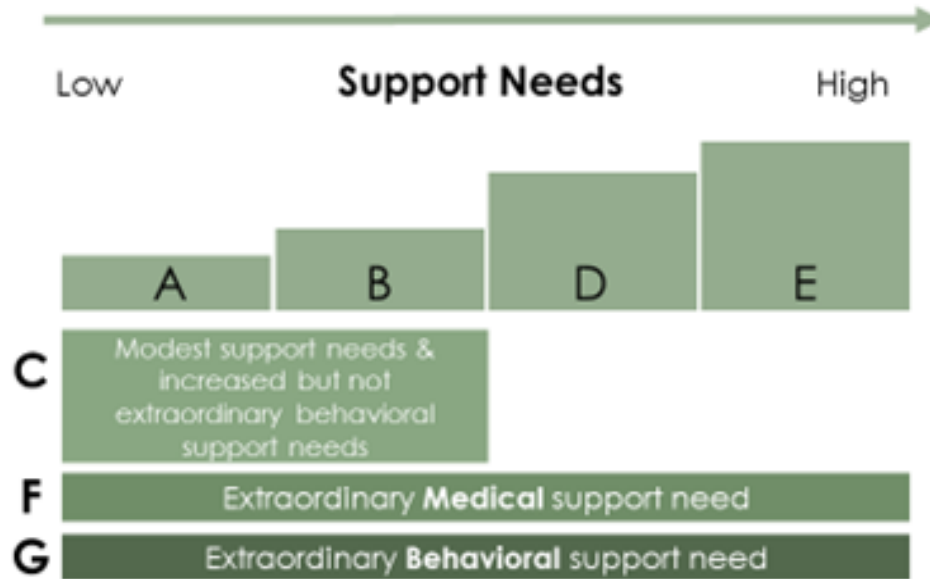
Individual Budget Tool

- **Living arrangement: Residential/Supported Living or Non-Residential/Non-Supported Living**
- **Age: Over the age of 22 or Under the age of 22**
- **SIS Level**

Categories

Non-Residential Child	Non-Residential/Non-Supported Living Adult
Residential / Supported Living Child	Residential / Supported Living Adult

Levels



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Individual Budget Tool

- Each of the four categories has seven levels.
- The seven levels have clinical descriptions representative of groupings of individuals who have similar support needs.
- Each level is assigned a budget.
- These budgets are guidelines.

Support Levels

- **Seven Levels of Support: A through G**
- **Individuals in Level C have some behavioral challenges**
- **Individuals in Level F have significant medical needs**
- **Individuals in Level G have significant behavioral challenges**

Changes in Budget

- **Permanent Change**
- **Temporary Change**

Intensive Review

- Does not need to be requested
- Can be requested in advance of the plan submission
- Can be due to:
 - Behavioral Needs
 - Medical Needs
 - Post-Secondary Education Programs

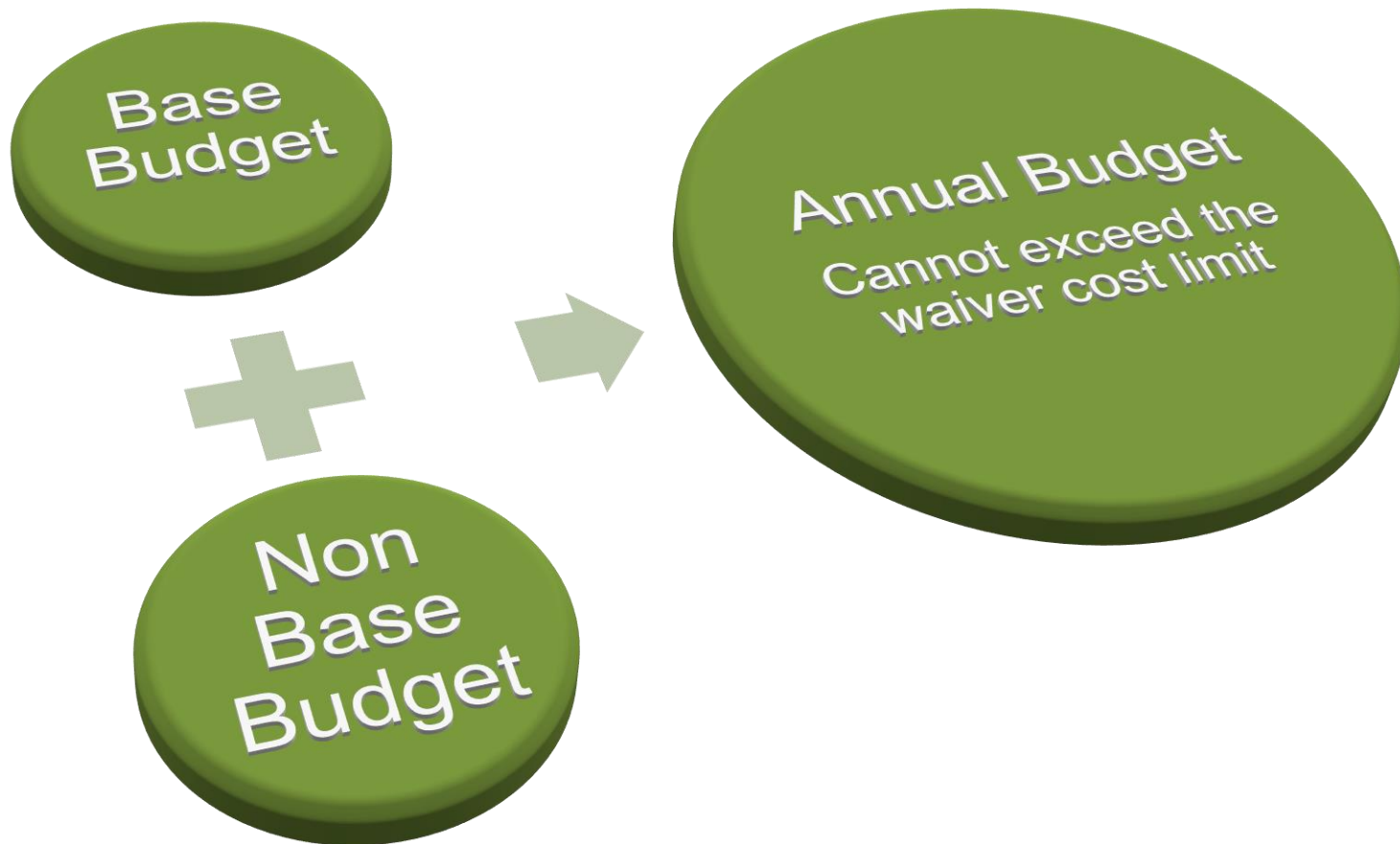
Base Budget Services

- **Community Networking Services**
- **Supported Employment**
- **Day Supports**
- **Community Living and Supports**
- **Respite**

Non-Base Budget Services

- **Community Navigator**
- **Community Transition Services**
- **Crisis Services**
- **Financial Support Services**
- **Home Modifications**
- **Residential Supports**
- **Supported Living**
- **Individual Goods and Services**
- **Natural Supports Education**
- **Specialized Consultation Services**
- **Vehicle Modifications**
- **Assistive Technology Equipment and Supplies**

Annual Budget



Stakeholder Engagement

- **Listening Sessions**
- **IDD State Stakeholder Group**
- **Follow up to Listening Sessions**

Relative as Provider

Relatives who are providing more than 56 hours per week of service to a waiver beneficiary may continue to provide services at their current hours as long as there are :

- no health and safety concerns,
- the services continue to be medically necessary, and
- the beneficiary still wishes for them to provide the service.

New requests will be limited to 56 hours per week

Implementation

- Changes effective **11/1/16**
- Phase in of budgets can be up to third planning year

Changes for Flexibility

- **Community Living and Supports – blended supervision, support and habilitation**
- **Supported Living – new service for individuals who choose to rent or own their own home**
- **Day Supports – attendance at day program only required once per week and billing moved to an hourly unit**
- **Residential Supports – cost assumptions were updated and rate increased**
- **Respite – available to individuals in AFLs**

New Services



Community Living and Supports

- Blended service
- Combines current services of Personal Care, In-Home Skill Building and In-Home Intensive
- Allows for habilitation, supervision and support

Supported Living

- Daily service for individuals who live in their own home
- Up to three individuals may live together without licensure needed
- May not be owned/rented by provider
- May include live-in caregiver
- Level is based on SIS Level

Community Navigator

- Annual information session on Self-Direction and Self-Determination
- Promotes Self-Direction and Self-Determination
- Develops community connections

Definitions with Changes



Community Networking

- **Can link an individual to a volunteer setting if they require paid support to participate**
- **Payment for memberships to enable the individual to participate in integrated classes**

Community Transition

- Limit of \$5,000 is now per waiver period and not lifetime
- Can be used when moving to own home from AFLs, PRTFs, and family's home

Crisis Services

Allows for Crisis Consultation which includes:

- **Facilitating up to monthly team meetings**
- **Training and education for natural supports and direct support staff**
- **Developing and implementing strategies**

Day Supports

- Individuals 16 years of age or older who are new to the service will receive education on other options for meaningful day
- Can start or end in the community
- Only weekly check-in at Day Program is required
- Hourly unit

Residential Supports

- Rate assumptions updated
- Based on SIS Level (instead of SNAP Level)
- Staff providing Residential Supports should not provide other waiver services to the same individual
- Respite allowed for AFLs

Respite

- **Nursing Board regulations must be followed when providing Nursing Respite**
- **Respite may be provided in AFL**

Specialized Consultative Services

May be used for PT, OT and ST evaluations for adults when the Medicaid State Plan limits have been reached.

Supported Employment

- **Removed the three year experience requirement**
- **Can provide technical support to potential employers regarding ADA accommodations and requirements**
- **Long Term Follow- up**

Assistive Technology

- **Removed exhaustive lists and replaced with broad categories**
- **Allows for repair of equipment**
- **Allows for connectivity and smart home technology**
- **Cost Limit combined with Home Modifications is \$50,000 for the waiver period**

Home Modifications

- Removed exhaustive lists
- Cost Limit combined with Assistive Technology is \$50,000 for the waiver period

Vehicle Modifications

- **Allows for lifting and lowering devices**

Feedback

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