

1. IOWA'S CASH AND COUNSELING PROGRAM--CONSUMER CHOICES OPTION:

An In-home service program for elders and disabled

The Developing Choices program will provide consumers the option to control their own Medicaid Waiver services. Consumers will receive a monthly budget based on his/her needs, and will be able to use this money to hire personal assistant services, make home modifications, and more. Support brokers will work with consumers to develop and revise individual budgets. Consumers will have the option of appointing a representative, and being part of a peer support group. This program is available statewide in Iowa.

Quick Facts about Developing Choices

Goals: To use public funds as investments in people's lives rather than as mere mechanisms to purchase human services Target population: Older Iowans and people with physical disabilities

Number of anticipated participants: 400 participants in the first year Waiver used: 1915 (c) Waiver

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