

### WHAT IS PARENTAL DEEMING?

Parental Deeming is the process to allow children with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities to receive Medicaid funded services, such as Care Coordination, when family income does not meet required thresholds.

One of the core requirements for enrollment into Care Coordination Organization (CCO)/Health Home services is Medicaid approval. Some children who enroll for Care Coordination services may already have existing Medicaid. Some children may not have Medicaid and may not qualify due to family income thresholds.

For children who need CCO services, but who don't qualify for Medicaid due to income levels, parental deeming can provide for Medicaid funded services; e.g. CCO/Home Health services. Parental Deeming often requires additional steps to qualify.

### OPWDD HCBS WAIVER

The OPWDD HCBS Waiver provides a path to Medicaid funded Care Coordination services when a child does not income qualify for Medicaid. In this way, the child may be able to receive services even if the family income is too high for Medicaid.

The HCBS Waiver “waives” certain Medicaid criteria, specifically parent/family income, for a child who needs Care Coordination services.

Children with approved Parental Deeming status are required to receive OPWDD HCBS Waiver Service(s) to maintain their Medicaid and CCO enrollment status.

### MEDICAID WAIVER APPLICATION PROCESS

The Program Enrollment Specialist applies for the Medicaid Waiver through a Regional OPWDD DDRO office. This process can differ by regional office.

- The OPWDD Waiver application may include a review of the child's existing or potential community and natural supports.
- If/when OPWDD approves the Medicaid Waiver, the child/family is provided with a Letter of Introduction.
- The Letter of Introduction is included in the Medicaid application to the County DSS, which states that the child, although not qualified for Medicaid due to income, does qualify for HCBS Waiver eligibility.
- Once Medicaid is approved, the OPWDD HCBS Waiver can be approved, which allows the child/family to begin working with LIFEPlan CCO to coordinate and set up waiver service(s).