

## Workgroup Budget Ideas

### **Proposal: New Service for Seniors at Reduced Rate**

Create a new service for seniors at a reduced rate and with a corresponding increase in the staffing ratio. The new service is to be provided by the consumer's existing provider. While the service is designed with consumers over the age of 50 in mind, it will be available to any consumer desiring a less rigorous day program. Participating providers would not be able to increase their current program capacity, as reflected in their program designs and/or by licensing requirements.

### **Background Information on Program Area:**

This proposal assumes that consumers currently served by day programs, look-alike day programs, and work activity programs would want to "retire" and receive different services from the same providers at a reduced rate and increased staffing ratio. The current day program model is based on a staff to consumer ratio grounded in providing specific activities and services. A consumer participating in a day program must participate in these activities and services. Individuals with developmental disabilities, similar to their counterparts without disabilities, may enjoy a less intense level of activity. This service is intended enhance the quality of life of seniors with developmental disabilities who would are no longer interested in the current level of activities and services in their day program.

This proposal hinges on being able to decrease the amount of support from 1:3, 1:4, and 1:6 down to 1:8 for many of the seniors. To achieve savings, the rate of reimbursement would be reduced from as high as \$72.42/day and as low as \$35.34/day down to \$35/day. Current service providers would not be able to increase their current program capacity. There are three service codes that would not have any rate change.

### **Please check applicable box(es):**

- Trailer bill language
- Regulation change
- Waiver amendment/new waiver

### **Pros:**

- Significant savings.
- Creates a retirement option for consumers.

### **Cons:**

- May decrease community integration

### **Fiscal :**

2009/10 Savings \$1.4 million TF (\$1.0 million GF)

*Annual Savings \$1.4 million TF (\$1.0 million GF)*

### Assumptions:

1. 5% of adults served in day programs, look-alike day programs, and work activity programs would like to retire.

2. Assumes that these retirement options would be provided by the same service providers for \$35/day, a decrease of current cost, and at a ratio of 1:8.
3. Assumes current providers would not be able to increase their program capacity.