

DAIL BAA: Questions from House Appropriations Testimony 12/17/19									
#	Question/Request	Response							
1	Provide historic #/% on the ASP Medicaid underutilization trend.	Medicaid Attendant Services Program Trend		14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul
		# of enrollments		91	82	77	71	68	63
		% Change from Previous Year			-10%	-6%	-8%	-4%	-7%
2	Provide authorized vs actual hours data comparisons for ASP Medicaid.	<p>Average SAMS authorized SFY19 = \$1,551 per person/per month Average Medicaid Claims Paid SFY19 = \$1,518 per person/per month Average Difference = \$33 per person/per month or 2% The ASP program authorizes individualized budgets that consumers self-manage. The budget allows consumers to set wages for their workers between \$11.55 to \$25 per hour.</p>							
3	Can we compare authorized hours to billed hours across Independent Direct Support Worker (ARIS) programs?	<p>Because both Developmental Services (DS) and Choices for Care bundles all authorized services into one individualized budget, at this time, DAIL is currently not able to compare authorized to Medicaid paid claims for only those services provided by Independent Direct Support Workers. It is expected that DS payment reform will create a new data source that “unbundles” the service delivery for improved accountability and monitoring by the State.</p>							
4	Provide trend numbers for # of independent direct support workers for ASP Medicaid.	Attendant Services Program - Medicaid							
		Quarter Ending Date	Total Consumers	Total Independent Direct Support Workers					
		QE0917	65	87					
		QE1217	65	86					
		QE0318	65	87					
		QE0618	64	88					
		QE0918	64	87					
		QE1218	63	85					
		QE0319	61	81					
		QE0619	57	72					
QE0919	57	74							
5	Can we provide trend numbers for # for all independent support workers?	All self-directed programs							
		Quarter Ending Date	Total Consumers	Total Independent Direct Support Workers					
		QE0917	4,558	7,196					
		QE1217	4,354	6,476					
QE0318	4,296	6,380							

		QE0618	4,410	6,693																																																			
		QE0918	4,450	6,690																																																			
		QE1218	4,445	6,586																																																			
		QE0319	4,400	6,458																																																			
		QE0619	4,484	6,729																																																			
		QE0919	4,544	6,783																																																			
6	Number of DS Individuals in Nursing Homes – trend data on those numbers?	DAIL collects data on people with developmental disabilities (DD) in nursing homes for PASRR (Preadmission Screening and Resident Review) and to document in the Developmental Disabilities Program Annual Report. DAIL counts the numbers of known people on June 30 and on Dec. 31 each year. This includes people placed for short-term rehab stays and those residing long term. As of June 2019, there were 32 people with DD in nursing facilities.																																																					
7	% of underutilization across all of the programs- amount to actual program budgets	In Developmental Services (DS), because of the bundled payments and current lack of accurate data linking service delivery to funding, DAIL is not able to calculate a true utilization rate for DS. This is the major issue DAIL is working to fix in DS payment reform.																																																					
8	Provide MFP (Money Follows the Person) metrics such as cost per person, # of transitions.	<p>Since calendar year 2012, the Money Follows the Person (MFP) grant has supported four hundred twenty-one (421) people transitioning from nursing facility to the community. To date, fifty-three (53) people have transitioned in calendar year 2019 with limited funding from CMS. Currently, DAIL is working with forty-six (46) active MFP participants. The MFP grant funding consists of enhanced federal funding for Choices for Care home & community-based services (HCBS) and administrative funds for 5 ½ full time employees (100% federally funded). The table below illustrates the amount of MFP federal funds that Vermont has received over the years.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>HCBS Services (FED)</th> <th>Admin Costs (FED)</th> <th>Total FED Share</th> <th>Total State Share</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CY2012</td> <td>\$ 424,480</td> <td>\$ 567,310</td> <td>\$ 991,790</td> <td>\$ 116,815</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CY2013</td> <td>\$ 1,114,514</td> <td>\$ 976,098</td> <td>\$ 2,090,612</td> <td>\$ 315,921</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CY2014</td> <td>\$ 1,232,001</td> <td>\$ 760,665</td> <td>\$ 1,992,666</td> <td>\$ 337,149</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CY2015</td> <td>\$ 2,024,964</td> <td>\$ 551,933</td> <td>\$ 2,576,897</td> <td>\$ 568,117</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CY2016</td> <td>\$ 2,157,984</td> <td>\$ 692,209</td> <td>\$ 2,850,193</td> <td>\$ 644,781</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CY2017</td> <td>\$ 1,929,734</td> <td>\$ 728,820</td> <td>\$ 2,658,554</td> <td>\$ 573,742</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CY2018</td> <td>\$ 1,379,469</td> <td>\$ 717,123</td> <td>\$ 2,096,592</td> <td>\$ 417,661</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CY2019</td> <td>\$ 1,099,730</td> <td>\$ 726,804</td> <td>\$ 1,826,534</td> <td>\$ 329,648</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Totals</td> <td>\$ 11,362,876</td> <td>\$ 5,720,962</td> <td>\$ 17,083,838</td> <td>\$ 3,303,834</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Year	HCBS Services (FED)	Admin Costs (FED)	Total FED Share	Total State Share	CY2012	\$ 424,480	\$ 567,310	\$ 991,790	\$ 116,815	CY2013	\$ 1,114,514	\$ 976,098	\$ 2,090,612	\$ 315,921	CY2014	\$ 1,232,001	\$ 760,665	\$ 1,992,666	\$ 337,149	CY2015	\$ 2,024,964	\$ 551,933	\$ 2,576,897	\$ 568,117	CY2016	\$ 2,157,984	\$ 692,209	\$ 2,850,193	\$ 644,781	CY2017	\$ 1,929,734	\$ 728,820	\$ 2,658,554	\$ 573,742	CY2018	\$ 1,379,469	\$ 717,123	\$ 2,096,592	\$ 417,661	CY2019	\$ 1,099,730	\$ 726,804	\$ 1,826,534	\$ 329,648	Totals	\$ 11,362,876	\$ 5,720,962	\$ 17,083,838	\$ 3,303,834
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	categories for nursing facility acuity?	<p>categorizes residents into a payment group based upon their care and resource needs. Skilled nursing facilities determine a RUG based on a resident’s classification items that are documented during the Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment. There are eight RUG-IV category groups: 1) Rehabilitation Plus Extensive Services, 2) Rehabilitation, 3) Extensive Services, 4) Special Care High, 5) Special Care Low, 6) Clinically Complex, 7) Behavioral Symptoms and Cognitive Performance, 8) Reduced Physical Function.</p> <p>Refer to the 2-page RUG-IV category description and page 26 & 27 of Vermont’s rate setting regulations for details. NOTE: Vermont uses 48 of 66 available RUGS categories.</p>																																		
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