

ICF/IID Funding Assistance Needed for FY 18-19

***** The community ICF/IID program needs to be funded at \$268,593,267 for FY 18-19.

• The \$268.6 million funding request is based on ICF/IID cost report data, plus an estimated 1.7% inflationary increase as allowed per the Medicaid Reimbursement Plan.

New Proviso Language is needed.

- General Appropriations Act proviso language amendments are needed to remove guidelines that tie provider reimbursement rates to a fixed appropriation amount which is contrary to cost reimbursement funding plans.
- As written, current proviso language generates cuts even when not intended by the Florida legislature. For example, for the year beginning July 1, 2017, ICF/IIDs had rate reductions that totaled \$9.8 million. Cumulatively, these cuts are so damaging because they result in a reduction of allowable cost (and thus care) and they are permanent. The Medicaid Reimbursement Plan does not allow restoration of a current year rate cut in future years.
- The ICF/IID is a Federal/State cost reimbursement model. This means facilities need to recover their allowable costs and receive a modest inflationary increase annually.

Community ICF/IIDs must be funded adequately to meet the need.

- Community ICF/IIDs provide comprehensive health and habilitative services to about 2,070 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a community setting. Services include ongoing evaluation, service planning, 24-hour supervision, coordination, and integration of health/habilitative services to help individuals function at their greatest ability. All recipients receive Active Treatment Services.
- ICF/IID Active Treatment features consistent, specialized and generic training, treatment, and health services. Individuals served in ICF/IIDs tend to be the most severely disabled, including those on respirators and feeding tubes. The ICF/IID program is designed to provide the highest level of intervention and supports funded by the federal/state government for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Eighty-nine (89) community ICF/IIDs offer quality care that is individualized and responsive to their clients' overall needs.
- Failure to address the funding need and to amend the proviso language will make the ICF/IIDs vulnerable to future rate cuts. Such cuts reduce provider capabilities to serve more impaired individuals, particularly those with significant medical and behavioral needs.