



Adults using Family Care (including PACE or Partnership) or IRIS

Contact your Family Care, PACE, Partnership, or IRIS Program to request that participation in the Self-Determination Conference be added to your service plan.

What expenses can be covered by your Service Plan?

- The conference is an educational event and an allowable expense under Medicaid. In other words, it is on the list of services Family Care and IRIS can pay for.
- For the conference to be included in your plan it needs to support a goal (outcome) you want to achieve. (See examples below).
- For the conference to be paid for by Family Care or IRIS, it must be **approved and added** to your plan. Please contact your Care Management Team or IRIS Consultant **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to review your current plan to see if the conference can be included.

Things you should know:

- Your plan could pay for your conference registration and transportation costs.
- Your plan cannot cover the cost of your hotel room.
- Your plan could cover registration and a hotel room for your paid caregiver (or legal guardian).

How to include the Self-Determination Conference in your Service Plan:

Step 1: Contact your Family Care - Care Management Team or IRIS Consultant **as soon as possible** to ask that the Self-Determination Conference be added to your service plan.

Step 2: Think about what goal (outcome) you want to achieve by attending the conference and talk with your Care Management Team or IRIS Consultant about how attending the conference will support your outcome.

Examples for a goal (outcome) could be....

- I want to learn to be a better self-advocate to support my health, work life, or living in the community.
- I want to better communicate my needs and make informed decisions.
- I want my unpaid caregivers to help advise me on being a good advocate and increase my abilities to exercise control over my services.

Step 3: If you need support to attend the conference, arrange for a caregiver (or legal guardian) to attend the conference. Talk with your Care Management team or IRIS Consultant to include this support in your plan.

***IRIS Participants please note the following Budget Information:**

- If you need a paid caregiver to attend the conference with you, discuss this need with your IRIS consultant. Your consultant can support authorizing the expenses related to the caregiver portion of hotel and registration on the plan.
- If you have enough funds in your current budget your consultant will help you update your plan and get the authorization to pay for the registration fee for the conference.
- If there are **not enough funds** in your current budget, your consultant can partner with you to request additional funding through a Budget Amendment. Budget Amendments may take some time, so plan please plan ahead. Ask your consultant about this.

Children's Long Term Support Program (CLTS) or the Children's Community Options Program (CCOP)

If your child is covered by CLTS or CCOP, you can request that your child's plan cover the cost of attending the conference. Talk with your child's service coordinator AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

** Please note that in most counties, CLTS funds can only be used to pay for conference registration. CCOP funds may be able to cover the cost of hotel and travel for families. Talk with your child's support and services coordinator to see if this is possible in your county.

Self-Determination Conference Scholarships are available if you are not able to include the conference on your service plan.

More registration instructions will be available when registration opens in July. Do you have questions? We will hold several virtual registration information sessions. Check out the website for updated details. www.wi-sdc.com