

Activities, exercises & tips	FUNDING	Resources and Links
<p>Activity Check out the link in the resource column and read about the ARA. Talk to a Case Manager if you have more questions. Look for updates to budget allotments and ARA changes in DD Waiver Program updates occasionally put out by the DDSD.</p>	<p>❖ DD WAIVER Funding-</p> <p>What is an Annual Resource Allotment (ARA) and how does it work? The ARA provides a specific annual budget amount that can be used to pay for services and supports from a menu of options defined by DDSD to support the achievement of ISP desired outcomes. Within this ARA amount, the team determines how much of each service is needed, and develops the budget accordingly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Services available through the ARA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Case Management ✓ Community Inclusion (Supported Employment, Community Access and Adult Habilitation) ✓ Personal Support Services (with limitations) ✓ Goods and Services ✓ Nutritional Counseling ✓ Non-Medical Transportation ✓ Respite ✓ Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapies ✓ Behavior Support Consultation ✓ Supplemental Dental ✓ Private Duty Nursing (with limitations) ✓ Substitute Care ▶ Additional services that are funded <i>in addition</i> to the ARA are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environmental Modifications (with prior approval) ✓ Community Living Supports (for individuals age 18 or older, with prior approval) ✓ Therapy Exceptions (for individuals age 21 or older, with prior approval) ✓ Supported Employment Exceptions (for individuals age 18 or older with prior approval) ✓ Tier III crisis (for individuals age 18 or older, with prior approval) 	<p>For more specific information about the ARA check out the DD Waiver Standards:</p> <p>http://www.health.state.nm.us/ddsd/Rules/Standards/documents/DDW_Standardf.pdf</p>



TIP

To receive Outlier funding, the team must be in consensus about the need for enhanced staffing. The team discussion must be documented and submitted along with other required documentation. You also must develop a 'fade out' plan that "will result in a reduced need for enhanced supports. (Check out the DDSD for more specific information).

✓ *Outlier Services (for individuals age 18 or older with prior approval)*

- ▶ *The Level of Care (LOC) is a document that verifies through assessment of the individual, the individual's medical eligibility for DD Waiver services and what level of funding is available to the individual.*
- ▶ *The team can request an "exception" to the ARA for additional units of **therapy services** and **supported employment services**. Clinical Services Bureau authorizes therapy "exceptions" and the Regional Office Community Inclusion staff authorize the supported employment "exceptions".*
- ▶ *The team can request **Outlier** funding for individuals who, because of significant behavior or health issues, require enhanced staffing to reasonably assure the individual's health and safety. Your agency is responsible for submitting a packet to the Regional Office to request this funding.*
- ▶ *If the team is requesting Supported Living Awake funding, your agency is responsible for completing the required packet and budget form and submitting for prior authorization to New Mexico Medicaid Utilization Review (NMMUR).*
- ▶ *In-home Day Habilitation and Environmental Modifications must be approved through your Regional Office.*
- ▶ *Tier III Crisis services must be approved through Office of Behavior Services.*

Check out the DDSD website for the most current Outlier process and tools: http://www.health.state.nm.us/DDSD/providerinformation/provide_rinfopg1.htm

State General Funds - SGF funds are 100% paid for by State Funds for individuals who do not receive Waiver funding. Most SGF contracts are awarded to provider agencies for 3 year terms. However, there are some one year contracts.

- ▶ *Residential and Day Services are provided in accordance with each person's Individual Support Plan (ISP), as developed annually under*

	<p><i>NMAC 7.26.5 (ISP Development Process).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ <i>As a provider of State General Funds, your agency will provide service coordination activities such as writing and updating the ISP each year, and submitting quarterly reports summarizing individuals' progress in meeting ISP outcomes to the Regional Office.</i>▶ <i>If an individual receives both Adult Residential and Adult Day services, the residential agency will develop the ISP.</i>	
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