

HEALTHCARE COORDINATION FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING INDEPENDENT LIVING, DAY SERVICES ONLY OR COORDINATING THEIR OWN HEALTHCARE

For those persons who coordinate their own health care, receive independent living, or receive day services (with no residential services), the IDT members and staff will operate in an advisory capacity for the individual. In these situations, it is important to acknowledge the individual's right to privacy and to have the support they request. Frequently, individuals may desire to be entirely independent with healthcare and all coordination activities. If this is the case, the team must respect the individual's choice and provide support only when such support is requested. If the individual does request support, however, the team should provide support in the following ways:

- 1. The IDT members will be trained on the individual's specific health needs and risk factors.
- 2. The IDT will assist the individual to monitor for medical needs related to the individual's identified health needs, risk factors, and general health/welfare.
- 3. The Individual will coordinate all doctor visits, with assistance as necessary from staff, guardian (as applicable), or team members.
- 4. The IDT will support the individual by providing supporting paperwork (i.e. Health Passport, Doctor Visit Report, etc.) as necessary and requested by the individual.
- 5. The individual will be educated on the documentation which may be utilized as a resource for the individual and team.
- 6. If the individual provides documentation to any member of the team, the documentation will be forwarded to the nurse or case manager, as appropriate.
- 7. The IDT will provide advice to the individual through someone who is knowledgeable about the individual and with whom the individual is comfortable.
- 8. If the individual has a guardian in any of the above situations, the individual and guardian should agree on sharing of health information with each other and the team.