



***The mission of Imagine! is to create and offer innovative supports to people of all ages with cognitive, developmental, physical, and health related needs so they may live fulfilling lives of independence and quality in their homes and communities.***

# New DD Definition – An Overview

- "Developmental Disability" means a disability that is manifested before the person reaches 22 years of age and is attributed to mental retardation or related conditions which include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or other neurological conditions when such conditions result in EITHER impairment of general intellectual functioning OR adaptive behavior similar to that of a person with mental retardation.

# What does this mean?

- Disability manifested prior to age 22 AND
- Demonstrated by impairment of Intellectual Functioning (Full Scale IQ 70 or below) OR
- Demonstrated by impairment of Adaptive Behavior Functioning (composite score 70 or below) AND
- Attributed to a neurological condition (including MR, CP, epilepsy, Autism) BUT
- Not attributed to ONLY a physical condition, a sensory impairment, or a mental illness

# New DD Definition – What Is Different?

- Previously, low adaptives had to be attributed to low IQ. Now it is one or the other.
- Previously, when adaptives were 70 or below and there was evidence of an ASD or other neurological condition we could accept an IQ up to 85 or 90 when adaptives were 70 or below. Now only one has to be 70 or below.
- Previously neurological conditions were not as significant since we looked more strongly at IQ scores. Now we must have a report from a licensed medical professional that associates the score of 70 or below with a neurological condition.

# The Application Process

- Applicant or legal guardian or other interested party requests an application from the CCB where they reside.
- Imagine! mails them an application along with an explanation of the process, a copy of the definition, their rights, a privacy notice, and the dispute resolution procedure.
- Application is completed and submitted to the CCB where it is date-stamped.
- Applicant or guardian must provide all documentation and information necessary for a determination within 90 calendar days of date of receipt by CCB. (Imagine! will assist with this process as needed.)
- Imagine! has 30 days to make the determination after all documents needed to make a determination are received

# Required Application Documents

- State-approved application on Imagine! letterhead.
- IQ Testing or Adaptive Behavior Testing or both.
- Information from a Licensed Medical Professional (psychologist, doctor, hospital) noting a neurological condition existing prior to age 22 and showing it is the primary reason for a score of 70 or below.

# Application Timelines

- All documents needed to make a determination of a developmental disability must be received by the CCB within 90 days of the date the application was submitted.
- The CCB must make a determination within 30 days after this 90-day period.

# What Happens After Determination?

- If found to NOT meet criteria: will receive an “803” notice of appeal and have a right to appeal the determination before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).
- If found to meet criteria and an adult: they may be placed on waiting lists for the SLS and DD waivers and may be eligible to receive other Imagine! services through Family Support
- If found to meet criteria and a child: may apply for the CES Waiver and may be eligible to receive other Imagine! services through Family Support



# Adaptive Behavior Tests

- Must be standardized and comprehensive such as the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales or the ABAS (Adaptive Behavior Assessment System).
- Assesses the performance of daily activities required for personal and social sufficiency and is age-related. (From Vineland manual.)

# How Are Adaptive Behaviors Assessed?

- A normed assessment is done by an interviewer asking a person who knows the applicant well (typically a family member) a series of questions about the person's ability to perform certain skills in such areas as communication, daily living, and socialization.
- The results of each area, compared to the applicant's age, are scored individually and when combined result in an Overall Composite score.

# Who Can Assess Adaptive Behavior Tests?

- Must be administered by a licensed psychologist, or a school psychologist, or a person with a social work degree who has learned how to administer the assessment.

# What Are The Confidence Ranges?

- The resulting score of an assessment is affected by many variables and all assessments are “normed” to show a resulting score and a range of plus and minus points. This range also varies by age.
- In IQ testing, if a person took the same test 100 times, their scores would vary by a certain range.
- In Adaptive Testing the respondent and the tester can have a bias or look at things slightly differently. These tests have also been “normed” and show a range of plus and minus points.
- A confidence range therefore represents the margins of possible scores and is given as a percentage: 100% would be ALL the possible scores a person would get if their present test results in a score of “Y”. 95% would be the possible scores they would get 95% of the time, which would be a smaller range than 100%. The lower the percent, the narrower the range.
- In the new definition we are to use the 90% Confidence Range.



# Intake & Eligibility

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Has your loved one been found eligible for Imagine! services?

If Yes

If No

Waiting Lists for Medicaid Resource (CES, C-HCBS, COMP, SLS Waivers)

Family Support Services Program (FSSP)

Boulder County Initiative (BCI)

ASD Program (if your loved one is on the Autism Spectrum)

Community Resources

# Imagine!'s Family Support Services Program (FSSP)

## Eligibility for Family Support Services

- Eligible for Imagine! Services (DD Eligible)
- Individual is living at home with a family member
- Resident of Boulder or Broomfield County

## Benefits of the Family Support Services Program

- **Navigation** – Information/Referral Services
- **Limited Funding via Family Support Grants** – for individuals living at home with families
- **Grant Funding Areas Include:** Respite care, professional services, medical and dental expenses, behavioral services, transportation costs, assistive technology, home modifications, parent and sibling support, recreation and leisure, homemaker services, child care services, alternative therapies, therapeutic materials, or developmental classes.

## **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Program through Imagine!**

### **Eligibility for the ASD Program**

- Not Eligible for other Imagine! Services (Not DD Eligible)
  - Have a Diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum
    - Between the Ages of 3-22
    - Boulder County Residents
  - Must be living at home with a parent or guardian
- Currently about a one year waitlist – enrollments each July

### **What do I get from the ASD Program?**

- Three years of funding for treatment of specific areas of need identified through a 3 year plan.
  - Funding Areas include: Behavior therapy, Social Integration Activities, Speech and Occupational & Physical Therapy, Psychological & Psychiatric Counseling: Therapeutic Recreation Activities, Tutoring, Complementary/Alternative Therapies.

# The ACL

*What Is Happening with the Waitlist?*