

APPEALS

You have the right to disagree with case manager and appeal his or her decision!

Don't be afraid to get help from local programs, services, Area Boards, and advocacy agencies!

The "Least Costly Provider" rules will affect EVERY SINGLE SERVICE you get and will be looked at by your case manager at your next IPP meeting.

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"Together we can fight this!"

-Antioch ALIVE Consumer
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What's a "Least Costly Provider"

»»» & how does it affect my life?



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THE LANTERNMAN ACT HAS CHANGED!!!

In 2009, lawmakers passed a budget that:

- Changes who can get services.
- Won't let our case managers purchase some services, even if it is something that we need or want!
- Changes how often we can use certain services.
- Pressures us to use private insurance.
- Makes our case managers use the lowest costing programs or services that meet our needs! (The "Least Costly Provider")

These changes hurt our lives and threaten to take away our rights.

Especially, our right to choose HOW we want to live.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

So what happens if my case manager chooses a program or service that I didn't want?

You have the right to see the proof that led your case manager to make that

choice. Try and ask these questions if your case manager made a choice based on the "Least Costly Provider":

- Why would you make a choice for me that I don't want?
- How is the program or service you chose for me like the one I have right now? How is it different?
- Is the program or service you chose for me able to meet my goals, needs, and wants?
- Why do you believe that the program or service you chose for me can compare to the one I chose for myself?
- Can you prove to me that the program or service you chose offers everything I currently get?
- Can you prove to me that the program or service will not limit my life or my ability to participate in my community.

WHAT'S AN IPP?

Your IPP (or Individual Service Plan) is a plan that your case manager writes once every three years. This plan outlines ALL of the services and supports you will get.

The most important thing you can do to stay in control of your life is to work directly with your

case manager and make sure that your specific wants, needs, and goals are written on your IPP.

Remember, when detailing your goals:

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DON'T LET YOUR CASE MANAGER WRITE YOUR IPP FOR YOU...

Have them write it WITH you!

Other things you can do at your next IPP that can help:

- Think about and write (or have someone help you write) why your current programs and services are important to you.
- Think about the things you value and tell them to your case manager. Do you like being a part of your community? Do you like your job?
- Are your current programs and services helping you get to your goals?