

The Balancing Incentive Program (BIP)

What is BIP?

- ❖ The Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) was authorized under the Affordable Care to improve access to Medicaid-funded home and community-based long-term services and supports (LTSS).
- ❖ Participating states receive enhanced federal funds (2% increase in FMAP) on community-based long-term services and supports
- ❖ 20 states have already been approved to participate

❖ Budgetary Impact

- ✓ Pennsylvania is projected to receive approximately **\$94 million** under BIP
- ✓ Funding to start July 1, 2014
- ✓ Enhanced funding ends September 30, 2015

Required BIP Structural Changes

- ❖ No Wrong Door
- ❖ Core Standardized Assessment (CSA)
- ❖ Conflict Free Case Management
- ❖ Data Collection and Reporting

BIP Funding Use

- The majority of the BIP funding will be used to expand the Medicaid home and community-based waiver program
- The Governor's proposed budget calls for:
 - 1,764 increase in the number of Older Pennsylvanians to be served in Aging Waiver program
 - 1,100 increase in individuals to be served in waiver programs for persons with intellectual disabilities
 - 100 adults with autism spectrum disorders to be served in the Autism waiver
 - 1,599 adults with physical disabilities to be served in Office of Long-Term Living Waiver programs

Pennsylvania BIP Application

- Submitted in April 2014 by Departments of Aging and Welfare and approved on June 18, 2014
- Included the following activities for Pennsylvania to pursue:
 - Create toll free hotline and website for long-term services and supports
 - Develop an information and referral tool
 - Enhance existing entry points ability to work with individuals seeking long-term supports
 - Hold local focus groups on ways to identify best practices/recommendations for streamlining program enrollment
 - Amend COMPASS to include ability to apply for home and community-based waiver programs
 - Examine option for creating more standardized assessments across all home and community-based programs

Online Survey

- Purpose of survey is to get input on how people learn about and gain access to Medicaid long-term community-based supports
- Want to understand perspectives on how we can increase knowledge of these programs
- Want to understand perspective of how can assist people to access these services and assure timely enrollment into these programs

Next Steps

- Online survey for interested parties to give feedback on aspects of BIP we need to implement.
- Meeting with stakeholders in July/August to review survey results and develop more focused work plan for BIP
- All this information will be used to develop our required detailed work plan with CMS
- All BIP activities must be in place by September 2015

Questions about BIP?