

Self-Direction Promotes:

- Personal choice
- Self-determination
- Flexibility
- Independence
- Empowerment
- Control over waiver services
- Control over who provides services
- Control over how services are delivered

What is the Philosophy of Self Direction?

Self-Direction gives individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities greater control over their lives and more freedom to lead a meaningful life in the community.

Participants have the authority to exercise decision-making over their waiver services and have the responsibility for managing them in a manner that best meets their needs to achieve outcomes that are important to them. Participants develop his/her individual service and support plan (SSP) and direct all services and supports identified in his/her plan.

Mi Via Self-Directed Waiver's Guiding Principles

- All participants:
- Have value and potential
- Will be viewed in terms of their abilities
- Have the right to participate and be fully included in their communities
- Have the right to live, work, learn, and receive services and supports to meet their individual needs in the most integrated settings possible within their community

Responsibilities of Participant:

- Annual Medicaid Recertification with the Income Support Division (ISD)
- Annual Level of Care
- Development of a person-centered plan
- Determine who will be the Employer of Record (EOR) or select an EOR
- Hire and terminate employees/vendors
- Work with the Financial Management Agency (FMA) to enroll hired employees/vendors
- Supervise employee/vendor
- Review and approve time/mileage sheets or Payment Request Forms (PRFs) and submit them to the FMA
- Schedule and attend appointments
- Work with the consultant and notify them of any changes (i.e. phone number, address, email, hospitalization)
- Work with the Third-Party Assessor (TPA) and respond to any Requests for Information (RFI)
- Work with the FMA and respond to any Return to Participant (RTP) notification (requests for information to process payments to employees/vendors)

Who supports participants in self-direction?

- Consultants-guide, assist and educate
- TPA-reviews LOC and requests for Mi Via services
- FMA- processes payments to service providers (employee/vendor)
- Designated EOR, if not the participant themselves

