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## **Self-Direction, Therapeutic and Other Services Soon to be Available in Children's Choice**

According to the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD), the long awaited self-direction option for Family Support services in the Children's Choice waiver will begin in early 2014. Local Human Services Districts/Authorities are currently accepting names of Children's Choice recipients interested in this option.

Six new therapeutic services (applied behavioral analysis; aquatic therapy; art therapy; music therapy; sensory integration; and hippotherapy/therapeutic horseback riding) will also be available in Children's Choice in early 2014. Provider enrollment for these therapeutic services is ongoing. OCDD reports that Permanent Supportive Housing was also added to Children's Choice and will be available in the first quarter of 2014.

These additions to Children's Choice were approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) several months ago but implementation cannot begin until after OCDD completes revisions to necessary policies, procedures, and forms and makes changes to the system to allow for billing, etc. OCDD is also providing training for families, support coordinators and staff in the Human Services Districts/Authorities.

Specialized medical equipment and supplies was also incorporated into Children's Choice and this service is currently available to Children's Choice recipients.

**Families of Children's Choice recipients interested in self-direction and/or any of these new services are encouraged to contact their support coordinator.** Revisions to Plans of Care are currently being initiated for children needing any of these new services and/or electing to self-direct.

For more information about self-direction read the [Council's fact sheet](#) on this topic.