

PUBLIC BENEFITS PRESENTATION

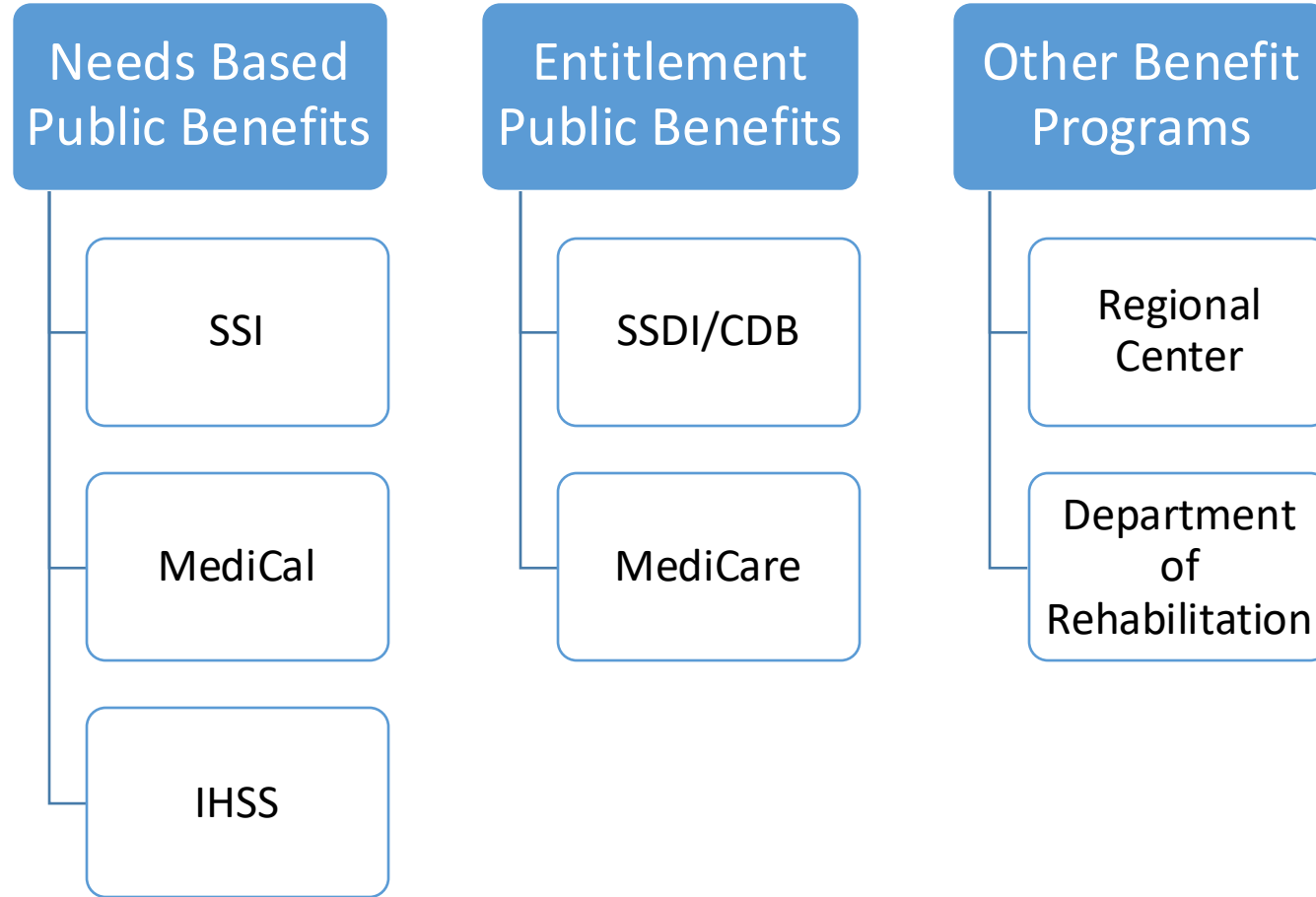
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Types of Public Benefit Programs



**Regional Center Services for
Consumers
with Developmental Disabilities**

Regional Centers

- Created under the Lanterman Act
- Non-profit private corporations
(parent/consumer Boards)
- Contract with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Provide or coordinate services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities

Department of Developmental Services

Regional Centers

(Colors correspond to areas served by each Regional Center)



Eligibility for Regional Center Services

- Eligibility is determined solely on meeting the definition of “Developmental Disability”
- There is no income or asset test
- This program is unique to California

Regional Centers Administer 2 Programs

- Early Start/Early Intervention
 - Children age zero to 3
- “Over 3 services”
 - Children over 3, through adulthood

EARLY START/EARLY INTERVENTION ELIGIBILITY

- Children younger than 3 years with exceptional needs who are at risk of becoming developmentally disabled or who have a developmental delay may qualify for services.

Early Intervention Services

- Based on the child's assessed developmental needs early intervention services may include:
 - occupational therapy
 - physical therapy
 - speech and language services

Definition of Developmental Disability (over 3 services)

- Determined just prior to age 3
- Lanterman Act defines developmental disability to mean:
 - A disability which begins before age 18,
 - Is expected to continue indefinitely, and
 - Constitutes a **substantial disability** for the individual.

Definition of Developmental Disability

- A Developmental Disability includes an intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or a disabling condition closely related to an intellectual disability or requiring treatment similar to that required for individuals with an intellectual disability.

Disabilities that are NOT a Developmental Disability

- Definition expressly excludes other handicapping conditions that are solely learning disabilities, psychiatric disorders or physical in nature
- Does allow for “dually-diagnosed” individuals

Substantial Disability

- Substantial Disability – significant functional limitation in 3 or more of the following:
 - Self Care
 - Receptive and expressive language
 - Learning
 - Mobility
 - Self-direction
 - Capacity for independent living
 - Economic self-sufficiency

Regional Centers Responsibilities

- Regional Centers do not provide direct services, instead they identify, approve and fund community services (vendorization)
- Regional Centers must pursue all possible sources of funding before accessing regional center funds. For example, generic agencies such as private insurance, education, MediCal, and IHSS
- Regional centers are considered to be the “payer” of last resort

Regional Center Services

- Services are to be determined through the Individual Program Plan (IPP) process
- Services in the IPP are “the Entitlement”
- Philosophy is to provide services that will allow a consumer's life to approximate that of his or her same-aged non-disabled peers
- Services may vary from one center to the other

IPP Planning Team

- Consumer (if an adult)
- Parent (if a child) or Conservator (if an adult)
- Service Coordinator or other Regional Center Representative
- Can also include:
 - Other family members
 - Friends/neighbors/co-workers
 - Service Providers/Support Persons
 - Or any Individual invited by the consumer or Authorized Representative

Required Components of IPP

- Assessment
 - For the specific service/support requested
- Goals
- Objectives
- Services and Supports to achieve the goals and objectives (whether funded by RC or not)

- An adult Consumer of the Regional Center is not Responsible to Pay for Services
 - Special Needs Trust issue
 - Administrative Law Judge Decision

Institutional Deeming onto MediCal

- If not eligible for SSI-linked MediCal
- Process:
 - Regional Center Consumer (3 to 18) is funded for at least 1 service
 - Regional Center places child onto DDS MediCaid Waiver
 - Requests the local MediCal agency to Institutionally Deem the child
 - Only child's income and resources are considered
- Allows for In Home Support Services

Regional Center Services

(based upon assessed need/not a menu)

- Residential/living options:
 - Board and Care
 - Intermediate Care Facilities (MediCal funded)
 - Supported Living Services
 - Family Home Agency
 - Foster Family Agency
- Independent Skills Training

Regional Center Services

- In Home Respite
- Out of home Respite
- Transportation services
- Adult Day Program services
- Supported Employment
- Behavioral Services
 - Required to access private health insurance

Self-Determination Program (SDP)

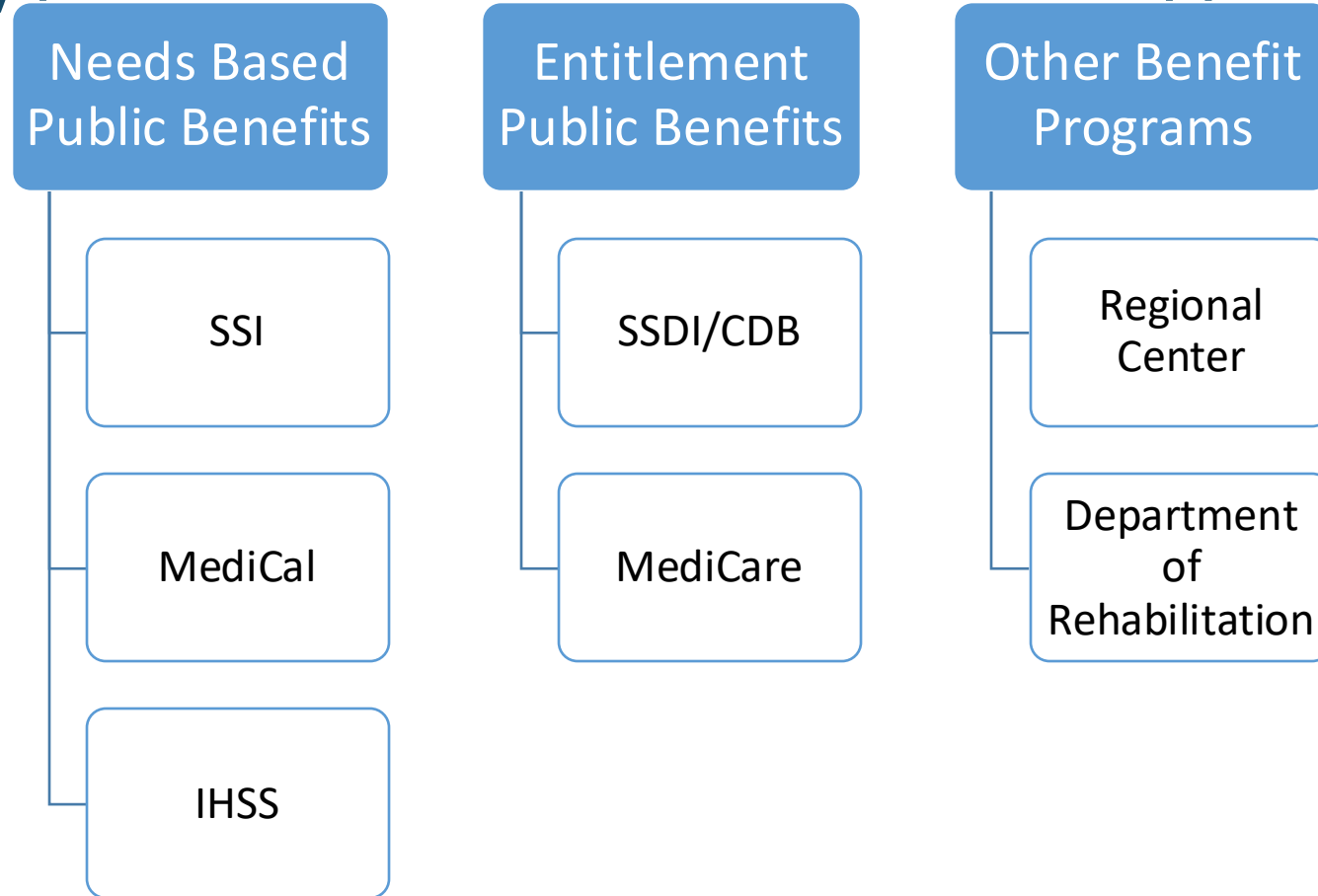
- Alternate/New way for Regional Centers to fund services
- A Budget is agreed upon based on:
 - IPP
 - Last 12 months expenditures by the Regional Center
 - New of unmet needs
 - Spending Plan is approved
- Regional Center vendors or non-vendors can be utilized
- A Financial Management Services (FMS) is required to manage the \$
- Higher rates can be provided to service providers
- But must live within the Budget

Due Process

- Informal Meeting
 - Meet with Regional Center Rep not involved with original decision
 - Recommended as first step
- Mediation (voluntary/non binding)
 - Can resolve issue
 - Confidential Settlement possible
- Formal Fair Hearing (Administrative Law Judge)

TO REVIEW

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS??

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