

## INARF Case Management Talking Points

### ***Background on the Issue***

Case Management services are vital to the success of coordinating services for the more than 32,000 Hoosiers with intellectual and developmental disabilities currently receiving services through Medicaid waiver funding. Each of these Hoosiers chooses a waiver Case Manager to assist them in planning and coordinating their services including residential, day, behavior, and wellness support providers. The monthly rate for Case Management services was cut in 2005, and again in 2012, including elimination of funding for the annual assessment of individuals. In 2018, the rate for Case Management services became \$131.25 and payment for the annual completion of the person-centered individualized support plan in the amount of \$150.00 per year was restored. To ensure adequate and appropriate rates, the Indiana General Assembly passed HEA 1317-2018, which required completion of a study of Case Management reimbursement rates by December 31, 2018. **INARF is requesting an appropriation of \$6.4 million over the biennium to fully fund the rates recommended in the study.**

### ***Talking Points***

- All individuals on the waiver receive Case Management services, regardless of the other services they receive. For some individuals, it is the only service they receive.
- Waiver Case Management services are solely funded by Medicaid dollars.
- High quality, individualized Case Management services focus on connecting individuals to resources in their community and coordinating their services, thus saving the State money overall.
- The rate study recommended a rate increase for Case Management services from \$131.25 to \$154.90 per person per month based on a caseload of 45
  - In addition, payment for the annual completion of the person-centered individualized support plan was recommended to increase from \$150.00 to \$162.90 per person per year
- State funds receive a 66% federal match and would leverage an additional \$6,000,000 dollars annually
- Average caseload size reported in the rate study is 46.6
- The increased rate would also support “somewhat higher wages for case managers intended to positively impact recruitment, retention, and quality” and “an increase in support and administrative funding in order to permit necessary investment in infrastructure.”
- Twenty-six other states offer waiver Case Management services. Of these, Indiana’s current rate is the second-lowest. The rate recommended by the rate study would result in a ranking of 18<sup>th</sup> out of 26.
- An analysis of similar services provided in Indiana showed that the rate for Case Management services on the Indiana Aged and Disabled waiver increased to \$150.00 per month in 2018
- The rate study noted that “the State is receiving significant value for its case management spending and that the recommended rate increase is reasonable.”

### ***Ask***

Please support an appropriation of \$6.4 million over the biennium to fully implement the recommended rates for Case Management services.