IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED WAIVER FUNDING FOR CAMP IN PREVIOUS PLAN YEARS:

- Confirm that your camper’s needs have not changed. If their support needs have decreased, previous precedent may not apply.
- If no support-need changes have occurred, or need level has increased, indicate previous successful approval and engagement in your additional information on the waiver goal.

Terms to Avoid

Some verbage people tend to use in their plan should be avoided because they can cause confusion around regulations and allowable services. We recommend that these words/things are not referenced for optimal outcomes.

- Respite
  There are different guidelines for waivers under traditional and CDCS plans, so it is best to not reference respite.

- Room and board
  We cannot separate this out, and room and board is on the DHS unallowable list.

- Love of camp
  AuSM understands and appreciates the joy camp brings, but it’s not something that is considered a justification for services through the Medicaid Waiver system.

Camp will be considered an unallowable waiver expenditure if it:

- duplicates other goods or services in the CDCS CSP.
- is available through other funding sources.
- is not the least costly and most effective way to meet the person’s needs.
- is provided prior to the CDCS CSP’s development.
- supplants natural supports that appropriately meet the person’s needs.

TIPS

Consider using a support planner for help with planning goals – you can find resources on the AuSM’s Resource Directory.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Director of Camp Programs, Melinda Harris at 651.647.1083 ext. 116, or via email at camp@ausm.org.