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The Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) grant Georgia received in order to increase access to non-institutional long-term services and supports (LTSS).

BIP will help Georgia transform their long-term care systems by:

- Lowering costs through improved systems performance and efficiency
- Creating tools to help consumers with care planning and assessment
- Improving quality measurement and oversight

BIP is not a separate program that members are able to enroll. It is a separate funding source for the existing 1915 (c) waiver programs and other LTSS.

How the Balancing Incentive Program Is Financed

- BIP increases the Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to states that make structural reforms to increase nursing home diversions and access to non-institutional LTSS.
- Total funding over 4 years (October 2011 – September 2015) cannot exceed \$3 billion in federally enhanced matching payments. Georgia was awarded \$ 64 million.

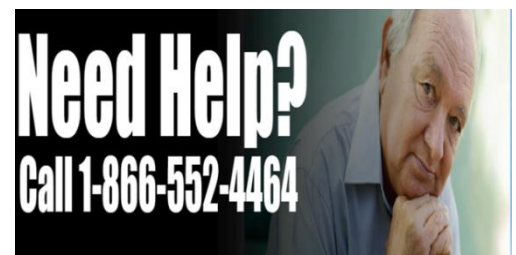
BIP provides new ways to serve more people in home and community-based settings, in keeping with the integration mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as required by the Olmstead decision.

Grant Requirements

BIP requires states to implement the following structural changes:

- **No wrong door/single entry point system (NWD/SEP),**
- **Conflict-free case management services, and**
- **Core standardized assessment instruments.**

Grant requirements are fulfilled through a partnership with the following agencies: the Department of Human Services/Division of Aging Services (**DHS/DAS**),



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the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (**DBHDD**), the Georgia Aging and Disability Resource Councils (**ADRCs**), the Centers for Independent Living (CILs), and the Brain Injury Association of Georgia (**BIAG**).

Current Initiatives are to:

- Create easier access to Home- and Community-Based Services.
- Provide additional slots for the Community Care Services Program (CCSP), the Independent Care Waiver program (ICWP) and the New Options Waiver/Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (NOW/COMP).
- Provide an increase in provider rates for some personal support services.

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