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To: Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services' (DDRS) consumers and stakeholders
From: Nicole Norvell, Director, DDRS
Re: Caregiver Support Services Application Process
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The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services would like to announce that Caregiver Support Services funds will be available for fiscal year 2014 starting September 1, 2013.

Applications **no longer have** to be made in-person at the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) district office. You may apply online, by mail or in-person.

To apply online, please click on the following link:

<https://ddrsprovider.fssa.in.gov/BDDS/ConsumerInfo/CaregiverSupportRequest.aspx>. Note: The link will not be active till September 1, 2013.

You may also call your BDDS District Office and request an application be sent to you or apply in-person at the District Office. Addresses and telephone numbers for each District Office are available [here](#). A Caregiver Support Services' FAQ has also been posted to the [BDDS' webpage](#).

Caregiver Support Services is 100 percent state funded and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Previous applications during fiscal year 2013 for Caregiver Support Services do not carry over to fiscal year 2014. An application must be completed for each fiscal year's Caregiver Support Services funds.

As long as the Caregiver Support Services funds are available, the Caregiver Support Services may be approved when 1) an individual meets the state definition of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities level of care **and** 2) the primary caregiver selects a provider. Caregiver Support Services will not be available to the primary caregiver if the individual is receiving or begins to receive other services from BDDS or programs such as (but not limited to) as Vocational Rehabilitation Services, First Steps, CHOICE, Division of Aging waiver, etc.

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Caregiver Supports Services funds are available at the following levels, depending upon the number of eligible individuals who reside in the home with the caregiver.

Eligible in the Residence	Total hours available/year	Total Hours / Individual /year	Total Dollars available / Individual/year
1 (individual)	62	62	\$1000
2 (individual + 1)	92	46	\$736
3 (individual + 2)	125	41	\$656
4 (individual + 3)	156	39	\$624
5 (individual + 4)	187	37	\$592