

## REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION/INTERPRETATION

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1. TYPE OF REQUEST:  Follow-up to Verbal Request - Date of Verbal Request: \_\_\_\_\_  Written Request

2. STATEMENT OF QUESTION OR ISSUE: The recent clarification (2-22-10) for use of Individual Goods and Services for reinforcers has left some team members unclear, and needing further clarification. In the situation where a person is on a behavioral program, or has skill acquisition programs, with an implementation strategies, can IGS be used to purchase reinforcers for the program, under the category of "supplies" as described in the waiver? The reinforcer supplies advance the outcomes listed in the plan of care; the item (i.e. reinforcers) increase the participant's functioning related to the disability; the item increases the participant's safety in the home environment (and community), and the items are not available through another source. The reinforcers are approved by the planning team, within the behavior implementation strategy. The reinforcers are not cash, and are not gift cards. Can IG&S continue to be used to purchase them, in the same way as it was done in the past?

References:

3. ANSWER: Some funding was built into the Program Related component of the rate for habilitation and Supported Living. These Program Related dollars could be used for a variety of reinforcement training/habilitative programs. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to purchase small dollar reinforcers out of the individual's cost plan through the Goods and Services Waiver Category, as reinforcers/training materials would be considered a Program Related component of the rate. The cost of a behavioral/training program would need to be considered on an individual basis to determine if it exceeded the amount available in the rate and if it was an appropriate expenditure in a Waiver Service Category.

References:

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