Engage with the FMS Community Serving Participant Direction Programs

Become a Financial Management Services (FMS) Member of the National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPDS)
Who Can Join?

To be an FMS member, you must:

- Have a current contract in good standing with a participant direction program.
- Serve at least one participant direction program with either employer authority, budget authority or both.
- Have served at least one participant direction program for at least two full years.
- If you are a Fiscal/Employer Agent, file and deposit federal taxes in the aggregate on behalf of program participants using a separate Employer Identification Number specifically for Fiscal/Employer Agent returns and deposits.
- If you provide Agency with Choice services, contact us about the specific criteria.

Membership Dues

Dues cover the costs of offering membership benefits and are determined by the number of participants your organization serves. We try to keep dues affordable so that all providers can receive benefits. If you are joining after July 1, please contact us for information on prorated dues.

- 10,500+ participants ........................................... $15,000
- 5,000 – 10,499 participants ................................... $7,500
- 1,000 – 4,999 participants .................................... $3,000
- Fewer than 1,000 participants ................................. $1,500

Membership Benefits

As an FMS member, you will:

- Stay on top of national and state policy and program developments for participant direction and provide feedback to key stakeholders.
- Get practical assistance and educational support in the FMS field.
- Connect with peers in the FMS industry.

About NRCPDS Membership

At the National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPDS), housed at Boston College, our mission is to infuse participant-directed options in all home and community-based services. We have more than 10 years of experience making participant direction a reality, and we provide national leadership, technical assistance, training, education, and research that improves the lives of people of all ages with disabilities.

By launching FMS membership, we seek to further engage this key stakeholder group of Financial Management Services providers in our mission. We are committed to working with all of our FMS members to support the expansion and sustainability of participant direction, develop new ways to improve service delivery and share best practices.
The Value of FMS Membership

As an FMS member, you will have access to a wide array of resources. Benefits include:

**Online Training in Participant Direction.**
Online trainings in participant direction are offered throughout the year for FMS member agency stay. These trainings will address a range of topics in participant direction from beginner to advanced. Depending on the topic and session, these webinars will be useful for FMS stay who are new to participant direction or those with years of experience in the industry.

**Contribute to Development of FMS Industry Best Practices.**
The NRCPDS will collaborate with the FMS membership in order to identify best practices for the financial management services industry. The NRCPDS will share best practices broadly with other key stakeholders in the field of participant direction including participants and federal and state agencies.

**Member Inquiries.**
Upon request, the NRCPDS can direct members to helpful information concerning participant direction that is in the public domain. (We do not provide technical assistance to individual members.)

**Issue Briefs.**
The NRCPDS will produce at least two issue briefs per year for FMS members on timely topics ranging from payroll practices, emerging technologies, operations management, tax and insurance updates and more. We will seek member feedback to identify topics of interest.

**Online Member Forums.**
Quarterly educational forums will keep you informed of the latest promising practices and developments. Recordings of each Member Forum and related resources will be available in the members-only section of our website.

**Opportunity to Provide Feedback to the IRS and Other Federal Agencies.**
Our FMS experts confer with the IRS on a regular basis around regulatory and tax issues on behalf of the NRCPDS and our FMS members. Drawing from member feedback, the NRCPDS seeks to reduce the complexity of meeting IRS standards and ease administrative burden. The NRCPDS may also engage with other key federal agencies to examine important issues.

**Members-Only Website.**
As an FMS member, you will have access to materials and resources in the password-protected area of our website, including tools for participant direction programs, recordings and materials from Member Forums, conference presentation materials and other information. Members may submit helpful tools and resources to share with each other via the online library as well.

**Special Benefit: $100 Discount.**
For FMS providers who subscribe to FMS Turbo, a subscription service offered by Annkissam, the NRCPDS will provide a $100 discount on member dues.

**Not already an FMS Turbo subscriber? Contact us at membership@participantdirection.org to learn more about how to qualify for a discount.**
Our Expertise

Our staff are authorities in financial management services for participant-directed services. Mollie Grotpeter Murphy, our FMS expert, is one of the few national specialists in fiscal/employer agent rules, regulations and best practices. She provides technical assistance to federal, state and local participant direction programs for the NRCPDS and is a co-founder of Annkissam, a software provider for FMS providers and nonprofits.

The FMS Membership Steering Committee

The steering committee is composed of FMS provider organizations that have worked with the NRCPDS to create the foundational shape and structure of the FMS Membership. The Steering Committee includes FMS providers of varying sizes to provide a fair and representative voice for all FMS members. The NRCPDS does not provide members of the Steering Committee with any recommendations, guidance, or access to information that would create a competitive advantage. The Steering Committee provides feedback to the NRCPDS on issues related to participant direction programs, but it is not a voting or governing board. Please contact us for more information about our Steering Committee members.

Join as a FMS Member at the NRCPDS

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