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1.0 Background

Local Authorities may have arrangements with the NHS where finances are jointly held in a single budget. This allows one organisation to source funding from this central resource and provide support in a more efficient manner. These arrangements are known as pooled budgets.

2.0 Policy

With ILF Group 2 users the Local Authority must input Qualifying Support and Services to at least the value of the threshold sum, over and above any input from the Health Authority to the package.

Where the Local Authority (LA) have a Pooled Budget with the NHS it will be necessary for the ILF to ascertain whether the LA are contributing Qualifying Support and Services to at least the value of the threshold sum, separately to those that are funded from Health.

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A user will not be eligible for ILF funding where the threshold sum is made up partly of funding from the Health Authority (HA) budget.

If cases are discovered where Health Authority monies from a pooled budget had contributed to the LA threshold sum negotiations will be required so the LA input increases accordingly. Any overpayment of the grant should be pursued in the normal way.

Where input from the Health Authority replaces part of the existing LA/ILF package, the LA must maintain their input in line with policy, Maintaining LA Input.

3.0 Procedure

Where the LA funding is taken from a Pooled budget the LA must provide information to the Funds demonstrating that there is a minimum contribution in respect of QSS to the value of the threshold sum coming solely from their finances.

There are two possible ways of identifying how much money within a package funded through a Pooled Budget can be attributed to the LA.

The LA and HA may have determined what percentage of a users needs relate to social care and what percentage are health care needs. For example the user may have social care needs that make up 40% of his or her overall requirements. In this case when considering the overall costs of the package 40% of these must equal at least the threshold sum.

Examples

- **Care package costs a total of £530**

It is identified that the individual's care needs are 35% Social and 65% Health. This would not be acceptable as the LA contribution equates to only **£185.50**

- **Care package costs a total of £625**

It is identified that the individuals care needs are 55% Social and 45% Health. This would be acceptable as the LA contribution equates to **£343.75**

In some circumstances the LA may not be able to provide this information. In this case it will be necessary to establish what the percentage contribution is between the two parties to the overall pooled budget. If for example both parties contribute an even 50% towards the budget it will be necessary to calculate that based on the overall cost of the package and the percentage input that the LA are inputting at least the threshold sum. However, it must be established that the Local Authority threshold sum has been met by the provision of QSS and it cannot include health care.

Examples

- **Pooled Budget contribution - LA 50% HA 50%**

Overall package = £620

Not acceptable as LA financial input only £310 and the user originally applied after April 2008

- **Pooled Budget contribution – LA 40% HA 60%**

Overall package = £900

Acceptable as LA financial input is £360

It is the responsibility of the LA to provide adequate information to the Funds about how the care package is broken down and to demonstrate that there is a net input of QSS to at least the threshold sum amount being contributed from the LA budget.

4.0 Source

ILF 2006 Trust Deed
SMT meeting-02/02/2004
Trustees 9 June 2010
SMB 5 December 2012

5.0 Cross References

Maintaining LA Input Policy
Increase Requests policy
Use of funding policy (QSS)

6.0 History Date Reviewed

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