



ICMS Issue Briefing

The Issue:

Integrated Case Management Services (ICMS) is a mental health program operated by Easterseals New Jersey in Hunterdon, Warren and Somerset Counties. ICMS has been operating for years under draft regulations that are too imprecise and broad to be effective in managing the program. We are supporting a bill in the legislature that would call on the Department of Human Services (DHS) to draft permanent regulations for the ICMS program.



Easterseals New Jersey Context:



Easterseals New Jersey serves hundreds of individuals living with mental health challenges in our ICMS program. If ICMS operated with licensing and outcome tracking requirements, it would bring ICMS up to par with other Medicaid-funded mental health services. Having a single set of rules would offer the consistency and clarity to ICMS. This would help providers and auditors ensure programmatic success for ICMS participants.

What We Need:

We are asking the legislature to pass A-5750 / S-4274. By having ICMS service providers operate under one set of rules and guidelines, ICMS can be a more efficient and accountable program. This legislation would order DHS to outline the parameters of ICMS, giving service agencies a clear set of standards. Doing so, would provide the clarity service agencies need to enable this program to thrive for years to come.

