IDD Medical, Behavioral, and Psychiatric Support Teams Now Available Statewide

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The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has a new initiative to help people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) who also have complex medical and behavioral needs leave Nursing Facilities and get the services and supports they need in the community. It is funded by the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program.

Because these individuals often require more experienced staff to help meet their needs, DADS has contracted with eight local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs) across Texas to provide support to other LIDDAs and community Home and Community-Based Services (HCS) and Texas Home Living Waiver (TxHmL) providers in designated service areas.

The eight contracted LIDDAs have teams that offer educational activities, technical assistance, and case review to themselves, other LIDDAs, and community waiver providers. The teams will have licensed medical staff, such as physicians, registered nurses, psychiatrists and psychologists, with experience working with people with IDD.

More details and a coverage map are on the DADS LIDDA website.