

Center for Outcome Analysis - Narberth, PA \$54,000.-

Analysis of Specialized vs. Generic Health Care Models

One Year Project

This project will empirically study the pros and cons of generic and specialized health care delivery models for people with developmental disabilities in New Jersey. The actual experiences of two samples of New Jersey citizens will form the data for the empirical part of the study:

(1) people who receive their health care primarily from a specialized, segregated provider model, and
(2) people who receive their health care primarily from generic medical service providers via the standard Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance systems. The project will also include a scholarly review of this issue from the perspective of national and international published literature.

The reason this is needed is to assist self-advocates, families, and decision makers to look ahead, and formulate policy based on “what works” right now, what it costs, and how we want the system to look in the long term.

This is an issue of great policy importance, not only in NJ, but nationally, as shown by the recent email from the White House Office of Domestic Policy’s Disability Advisor to the author of this proposal, urging more study of health care systems issues.