

**WSC ADVISORY #2025-008**  
**PLAN VALIDATION RULE UPDATES**

**ACTION REQUIRED**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: JUNE 27, 2025**

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) has worked with the iConnect vendor to develop a series of enhancements to the plan validation process. These enhancements align with existing requirements in [Developmental Disabilities iBudget Handbook and Rate Table](#), and also will assist Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs) in completing the plan validation process more efficiently and help facilitate approved authorizations.

The following updates have been made:

1. When services exceed the iBudget Handbook and Rate Table limitations, validation rules have been added so that plans will fail validation appropriately. A system message will generate that says:
  - a. "This service has exceeded the maximum units per."
2. Per the iBudget Handbook and Rate Table, the maximum allowable hours for combined Life Skills Development (LSD) services have been adjusted to 56 hours per week. Plan validation rules have been added so that plans will fail validation if any combination of LSD services exceeds 56 hours per week. A system message will generate a message to indicate why the validation failed:
  - a. "Combination of Life Skills Development Services cannot exceed more than 56 hours per week."
3. Per the iBudget Handbook, physical therapy assessment services may not exceed two assessments per year. Behavioral assessments and speech therapy assessments are limited to one per year and nursing assessments should be updated annually. Plan validation rules have been enhanced so assessments will pass validation when they meet these iBudget Handbook requirements. If these iBudget Handbook requirements are not met, the system will generate messages to indicate why the plan validation failed.
  - a. If an assessment fails validation, the message will state: "Total units exceed the max units allowed for this assessment service."
  - b. If a nursing assessment fails validation, the message will state: "Exceeds the nursing assessment max limit."
4. The Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) interface will reject an authorization with added units that were previously terminated. A new rule has been created to prevent users from adding units to an authorization that was previously terminated to reduce rejected authorizations. The system will generate a message to indicate why the validation failed as follows:
  - a. "You cannot add/edit units on a terminated authorization."
5. Per the iBudget Handbook, consumers' cost plans should not exceed their allocated budget. A new rule has been created to prevent users from creating authorizations if it will cause the consumer to incur a negative balance on their current fiscal year (FY) budget. The system will generate a message to indicate why the validation failed:

- a. “The consumer does not have sufficient budget left on this FY cost plan to process the changes at this time. Please try again after confirming all the authorization requests sent to FMMIS are fully approved or canceled.”

[Chapter 11: Cost Plan](#) of the iConnect Case Management Training Manual provides step-by-step instructions to update Cost Plans and Service Plans in addition to the TRAIN FL course Module entitled [APD – iConnect – Cost Plan and Budget](#).

APD continues to appreciate the commitment from its partners, providers, and stakeholders to serve the disability community in Florida. Should you have any questions regarding the cost plan continuations, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Regional Waiver Liaison.