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# Community First Services and Supports (CFSS): Program overview

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# What is CFSS?

- CFSS will replace personal care assistance (PCA) and the Consumer Support Grant (CSG) program
- CFSS gives people more choice, control and flexibility
- CFSS legislative language was passed in 2013
- There is a 6% enhanced federal match
- Electronic visit verification (EVV) will apply to CFSS



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# Community First Services and Supports (CFSS): Eligibility

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# Eligibility requirements for CFSS, overview



**Be on healthcare program**



**Live in own home**



**Direct own care**



**Receive assessment**



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# Community First Services and Supports (CFSS): Covered services

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# Services are covered by CFSS & PCA

Activities of  
daily living  
(ADLs)

Instrumental  
activities of daily  
living (IADLs)

Observations  
and redirection  
of behaviors

Health related  
procedures and  
tasks

# Additional services are covered by CFSS

Skill development,  
enhancement and  
maintenance

Purchase of goods



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# Community First Services and Supports (CFSS): Roles

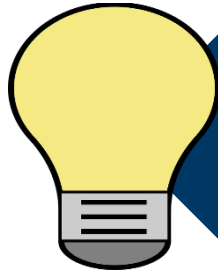
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# What's new in CFSS?



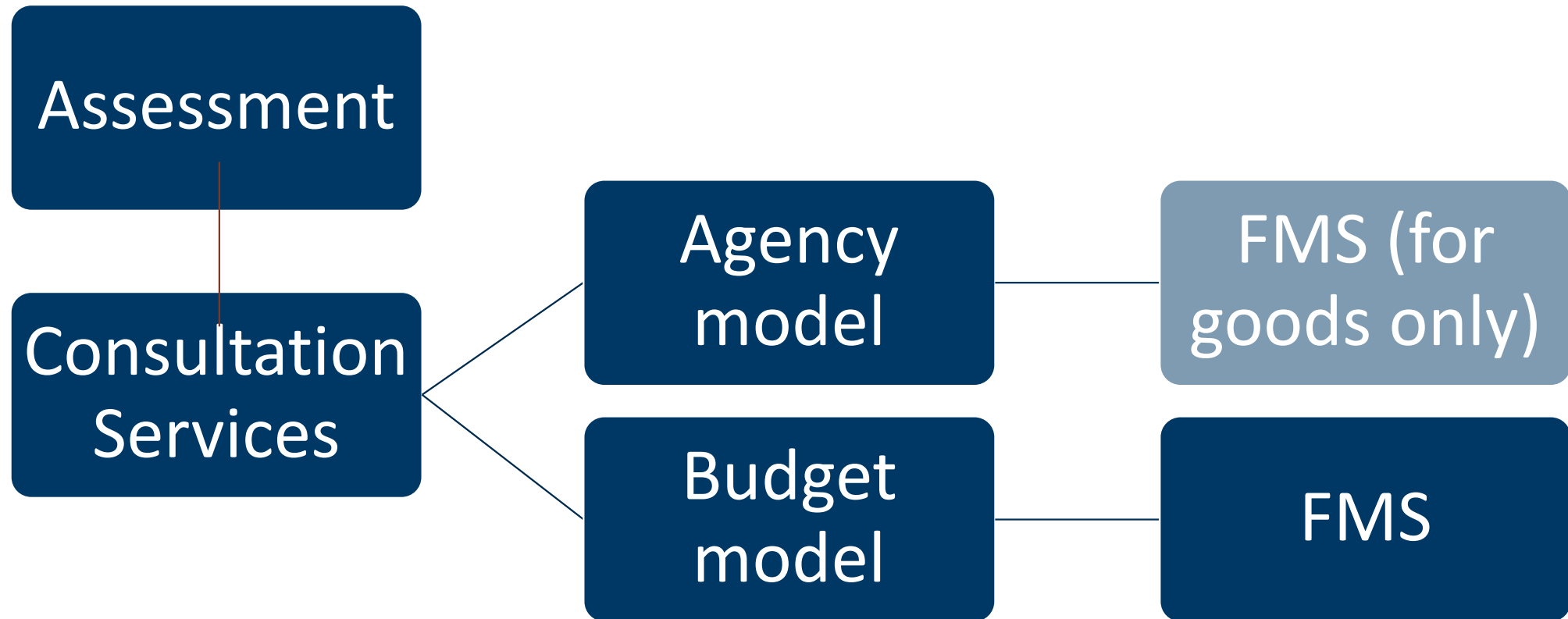
Consultation Service



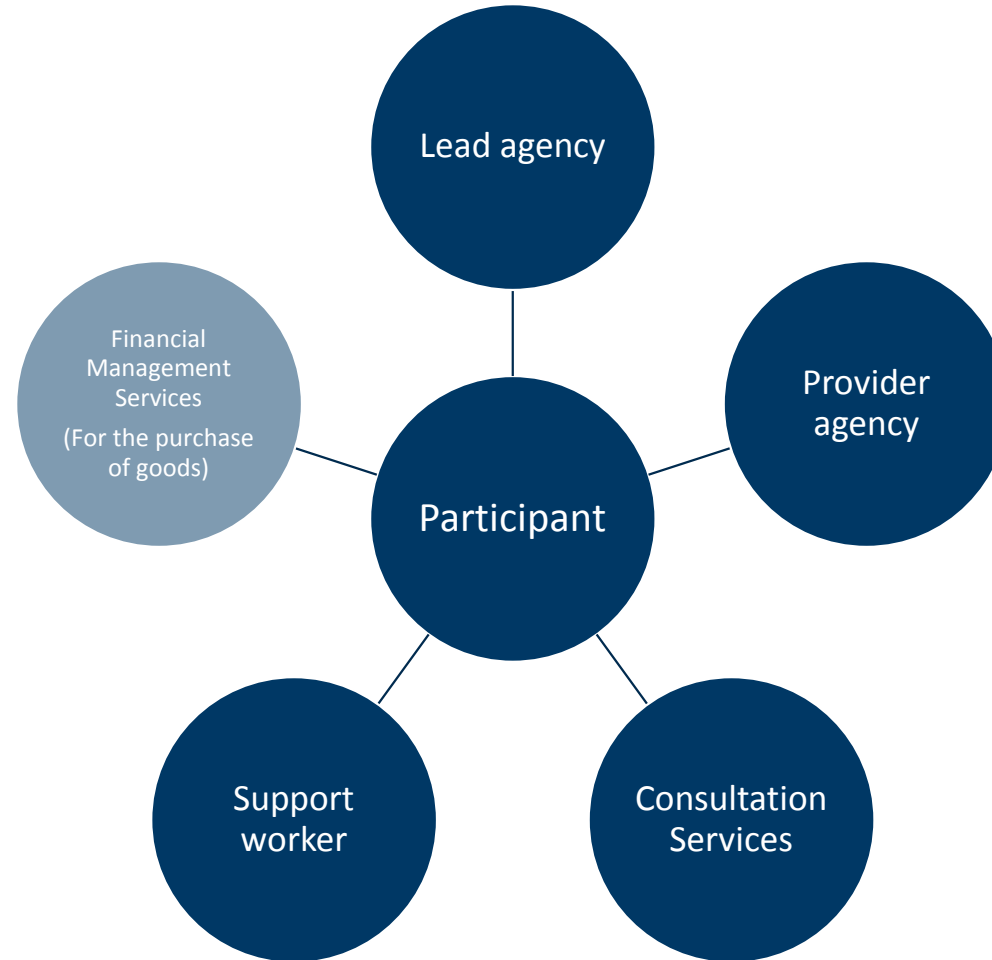
Worker training and  
development



Financial Management Services  
(FMS)



# CFSS roles: Agency model



# CFSS roles: Budget model





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# Community First Services and Supports (CFSS): Benefits

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# CFSS benefits



Expand self-directed options



Broader services such as skill development



More flexible care options



Additional supports for the participant to be the employer



More people can be paid caregivers



Annual service planning



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# Community First Services and Supports (CFSS): Service delivery models

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Traditional  
PCA



Agency  
model

PCA  
agencies



CFSS  
agencies



# Service delivery model similarities



## Agency



## Budget

Participant or representative develops the service plan

Participant or representative directs and evaluates care

Participant or representative verifies and signs the timecard

Consultation Services educated participants

There is a budget for worker training and development

# Service delivery model differences



## Agency

Participant receives service hours

Agency is responsible for staffing and employment-related activities

Participant gets support and assistance from the agency



## Budget

Participant receives service dollars

Participant is responsible for staffing and employment-related activities

Participant gets assistance from Financial Management Services (FMS)

# Links to CFSS resources

- [Minnesota Statutes 256B.85](#) is where you can find the statute for CFSS.
- [The DHS public webpage for CFSS](#), describes the services of CFSS. You can also find the links to the video and training on this page.
- [The CFSS introduction video](#) is for people unfamiliar with CFSS.
- [The CFSS interactive training](#) goes into greater detail about CFSS.
- If you [sign up for Disability Services Division \(DSD\) announcements](#), you will get the announcement for the public comment period for CFSS.

# Thank You!

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