



Budget Tips

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As a Mi Via participant, you have access to an amount of funding, based on your need for services, supports and items to help you live at home and in the community. Your Mi Via budget says how you want to spend the funding available to you. Here are some tips to think about when developing your budget.

- First, think about what you would like your life to be like and what services, supports and goods you need to improve your life and increase your self-reliance and independent living.
- After you have a rough idea about what you need, think of all the ways you can get what you need. Start with help you already have from family and friends or other community resources, such as local clubs or faith organizations. Then think about help you get from the regular Medicaid program (called the State Plan) and other public programs, like Medicare and the schools.
- Next, think about what you want through Mi Via and how much it will cost. This is how you will build your Mi Via budget.
- Work hard to get good value for your Mi Via dollars.
- You do not have to spend all the funding available to you. If you don't use all of it, it is possible that more people could be served.
- Use the funding according to the Mi Via Plan and Budget Approval Guidelines, found in your Participant Guidebook.
- Follow your approved budget.
- The State must make sure that Mi Via is cost-effective in order to keep the program going. You can help the State stretch the dollars as far as possible by being responsible and accountable when using your Mi Via funds.