COST SAVINGS ANALYSIS

	Wisconsin	South Carolina	New York	North Carolina
Institution daily rate range	$98 - $248	$210 - $400	$300 - $800	$300 - $800
Supported Living daily rate range	$80 - $110	$55 - 82	$190	$150 - $185
Supported Living with technology	$70	$50	$75	$90
Medicaid waiver for enabling tech?	no	no	no	yes
*Simply*Home enabling tech start date	2004	2011	2011	2012
State pilot project?	N/A	2013	2015	N/A

After initial purchase of technology, monthly service fees range from $14.95 to $115.

Enabling Technology (ET) Basics

Creating and maintaining independent living options while reducing costs for all

We Face a Growing Crisis in Services for People with I/DD:

- A growing shortage of caregivers
- Increased population of those needing care, with less available funding
- Cuts to Medicaid limit the implementation of flexible and technology-based supports

Advocating for Creative Solutions

- Prioritize and mandate the value of person-centered planning, including the right to self-determination, and develop new models for community supported living.
- Rewrite waiver language and reallocate funding to include a more flexible system of natural supports so that technology can be one solution for independence.

Expanding Our View of Assistive Technology

- Historically, Medicaid waivers utilize narrow definitions of assistive technology, limiting the services that can be used and who has access to those services.
- Enabling Technology (ET) expands the traditional concept of assistive technology, from devices that may address a single concern or challenge, to an entire range of services that support and sustain the individual's independence.
- When implemented correctly, ET does not replace human support, but is linked to agency services and caregiver support (both paid and natural supports).
- ET addresses the individual's desire to live as independently as possible in the community and to take reasonable risks, while reducing unnecessary staff support and over-reliance on institutional settings.

The "Why" of Enabling Technology for Community Supported Living

- Measurable outcomes
- Improved outcomes and increased choice for families
- Dignity of Risk: Being able to live, work, and play in the community while learning from mistakes and successes
- Improving quality of life through self-determination
- Reducing costs

Across the United States, Enabling Technology produces outstanding, cost-effective outcomes:

- One South Carolina provider is saving over $50K per person per year by integrating enabling technology with community-supported living throughout their organization.
- As part of accountability to the DOJ, several states are using ET in conjunction with staff supports to reduce costs.
- One Wisconsin provider is saving over $150/day for community placement vs. institutional care.
- Individuals from SC, WI, NY, and NC have saved $40-60K per year by implementing technology as a part of CSL (with costs ranging from $24-46K per year).

How Does ET Transform Lives?

- ET provides solutions promoting independence, self-determination, and community integration.
- ET creates and documents measurable outcomes to enhance direct care planning.
- In conjunction with direct care, ET serves as a natural support that maximizes safety, reinforces skill development, and supports daily routines.

How Does ET Transform Funding?

- Funding is no longer tied to a provider-owned home or a state institution; instead, funding is tied to self-directed services and supports.
- Reimbursement of brick-and-mortar settings is replaced by reimbursement for supporting a person where they choose to live.