

Recommendation #6: Access to Services/Affordability—Wendy Simons

Address affordability of services for persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia by using national data and explore other cost sharing mechanisms. This is to include recent development of DHHS Behavioral Rate for skilled nursing facilities which expanded the reimbursement options for those with behaviors due to forms of dementia and the past need to seek out of state placement for behaviors. An additional element for access to services and affordability is to include connectivity for veterans who are receiving care to additional VA benefits that might supplement their cost of care.

Indicator:

Continue to monitor Medicaid reimbursement levels and the usage by facilities eligible. In addition, continue to encourage expansion of this cost support to other providers of service, based on success of the program as well as the location of veterans receiving care and their improved access to VA benefit information.

Potential funding:

Department of Health Care Financing and Policy, Aging and Disability Services Division, and Nevada Department of Veterans Services.