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Agenda

1. Waiver request for Home and Community Based Care in the rural/frontier areas.
2. Support for a technology solution to streamline the application & enrollment process for all three Home and Community Based Care (HCBC) Waivers.
3. Legislation mandating flexibility of sick leave to be used to care for family members
4. Medicaid coverage of Care planning for Alzheimer's disease



Waiver request for Settings Rule exemption

- Request Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) to submit a waiver to the Home and Community Based Settings rules for the rural/frontier communities. There is a lack of Long-Term care options in these communities and the settings rule make any business cost prohibitive in a rural setting. This effort will align with the case study being conducted by University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 122 from the previous legislative session.
- Other states have explored Medicaid waiver options to ensure access to long term care options in rural settings. This type of waiver could provide the ability for hospitals/nursing homes/assisted living/adult day care and other services to be provided in a shared setting. This is currently not allowed under the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) settings rules which require each of these services to be separate.

Technology Solution HCBC Waivers

- The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) are putting forward a Technology Initiative to request enhancements to existing Access Nevada to streamline the application and enrollment process for all three home and community-based waiver services.
- Streamlined Waiver enrollment
 - Reduces need for paper
 - Reduce wait times for in home services
 - Reduces duplication of information provided by applicants





Sick Leave Flexibility

- AB 90 failed to pass last session. The bill intended to allow individuals to use current sick leave to care for family members
- The legislation is not asking employers to provide any more leave than they already do, just to allow it to be used to provide care to family members.



Alzheimer's Care Planning

- Request the committee consider legislation mandating the DHCFP to provide coverage of Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) code 99483, which involves care planning services to individuals with cognitive impairment, including Alzheimer's disease.
- Individual and families with members who may have Alzheimer's require advanced care planning to ensure supports are in place as the disease progresses. This type of care planning service can prevent acute hospitalization events which can be traumatic for individuals and their family members as well as an unnecessary expense to the health care systems.



Questions?





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Acronyms

- **AB** – Assembly Bill
- **ADSD** – Aging and Disability Services Division
- **CPT** – Current Procedure Terminology
- **DHCFP** – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
- **DWSS** – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
- **HCBC** – Home and Community Based Care
- **HCBS** - Home and Community Based Services
- **UNR** – University of Nevada, Reno

