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**Senior & Disability Prescription Program**

**Aging and Disability Services Division**

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# Agenda

1. Senior and Disability Prescription (SRx/DRx) Program History
2. Program Utilization
3. 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session – AB35
4. ADSD Program Proposal
5. Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund
6. Timeline
7. Questions



# SRx/DRx Program History

- 1999 Senior Rx program established in statute.
- 2005 Disability Rx program established in statute.
- 2006 Federal Medicare Part D began.
- 2020 Medicare Part D Coverage GAP Closed
  - Program model shifted to a subsidy program.



# Program Utilization

Year	Average Calls per Month	Average Applications per Month	Average Caseload per Month
SFY 17	921	155	5587
SFY 18	928	92	3627
SFY 19	440	99	2900
SFY 20	423	46	1978
SFY 21	118	20	707





# 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session – AB35

- Combined NRS for Senior and Disability Rx
- Aligned definitions with those in NRS 427A.
- Updated eligibility criteria
- Legislative Concerns
  - High Administrative costs
  - ADSD to evaluate the program





# ADSD Program Proposal

- Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund
  - Community Based Pilot Program
  - Assist Nevadans with cost of prescription drugs
  - Assist Nevadans with other costs such as vision, dental, and/or other pharmaceutical needs.



# Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund

- Benefits of the Pilot:
  - In the community, by the community (subaward)
  - Person-centered approach
  - Eligibility beyond Medicare beneficiaries





# Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund

- Pilot Project
  - January – June 2022
  - Funding
    - Remaining funding in SFY2022
    - Projected amount approximately \$85,000 to \$145,000
      - Based on utilization in Q1 and Q2





# Timeline

- Advocacy Group Presentations
  - Now through November 2021
- Interim Finance Committee
  - October 2021
- New Program Model Launch
  - Anticipated July 2022



# Questions?



# Definitions

- ADSD – Aging and Disability Services Division
- NAC – Nevada Administrative Code
- NRS – Nevada Revised Statutes
- SRx/DRx – Senior and Disability Prescription



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