

Comparison of Medicaid-Covered Structured Family Caregiving in Three States

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Target population	Medicaid beneficiaries with a functional impairment caused by physical limitations	Medicaid beneficiaries age 21+ who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or related disorder	Medicaid beneficiaries age 65+ or 18+ with a physical disability
Federal authority	Service within Georgia Elderly and Disabled 1915(c) waiver	Stand-alone 1915(c) waiver	Service within South Dakota Home and Community-Based Options and Person-Centered Excellence (HOPE) 1915(c) waiver
Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Qualify for Medicaid ○ Functional impairment caused by physical limitations (including Alzheimer’s) ○ Meet nursing facility level of care criteria • Service requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participant is age 18+ ○ Participant needs 5 or more hours of Extended Personal Support Services daily ○ Services must be delivered as part of an approved plan of care • Agency must work with caregiver and others to establish backup plans for emergencies • Caregiver and participant must live in the same home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant must be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medicaid beneficiary ○ Age 21 or older ○ Diagnosed with Alzheimer’s/related ○ Meet nursing facility level of care criteria • Paid caregiver and participant must reside full time in the same household, which must be a private home • Caregiver must be the live-in caregiver already providing care to the participant prior to authorization of the services • Service must be provided as part of an approved plan of care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Qualify for Medicaid ○ Age 65 or older; or age 18 and over with a qualifying disability ○ Meet Nursing Facility of Level of Care ○ Not be a resident of a hospital, nursing facility, or an ICF/MR • Service requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provided as part of an approved plan of care ○ Participants must reside with the primary caregiver in either the participant’s or caregiver’s private home, which is the primary residence of both individuals • Agency must establish an emergency back-up plan for

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregiver must be related to the participant Caregiver must be unable to work outside the home due to caregiving activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agency must hire a qualified substitute caregiver for when the primary caregiver is not available 	<p>instances when the caregiver is unable to provide care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregiver may not care for more than two participants
Relatives as caregivers	The participant and caregiver must be related but the caregiver may not be a legally responsible adult, such as a spouse (Note, that, temporarily and due to the COVID public health emergency, spouses may become caregivers)	Caregiver may be a non-family member, a family member (including spouse) or a legal guardian	Care giver may be a family member or a non-relative fictive kin (i.e., an individual who is not related by birth, adoption, or marriage but who has an emotionally significant relationship with the participant)
Caregiver payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies support, oversee, and pay caregivers Agencies are paid per diem of \$90.20 per day (temporarily increased to \$99.22 due to public health emergency) Agency must pass on at least 60% of the per diem to the caregiver as a stipend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies support, oversee, and pay caregivers Agencies are paid per diem of \$67.54 effective 7/1/21, which is 60% of the nursing facility daily rate The agency must pass on at least 65% of the per diem as a stipend to the primary and substitute caregivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies support, oversee, and pay caregivers Agencies are paid one of three daily rates based on the needs of the participant, currently they are \$42.32, \$52.90, and \$59.25 At least 50% of the agency fee must be passed on as a stipend to the caregiver
Other caregiver supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies must provide at least 8 hours/year of individual caregiver training to meet identified participant needs Access to a health coach Active coordination with care management; Access to a web-based information management system easily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies must provide at least 8 hours/year of training on participant-specific services based on assessed need Training may be delivered during monthly home visits, through secure electronic communication methods or in another format 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies must conduct a comprehensive caregiver assessment and establish a plan for educating, coaching and supporting the caregiver Agency must provide individualized initial and ongoing coaching to the caregiver

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	<p>accessed by caregivers and available to waiver case managers for shared participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of other waiver services including adult day health care and hourly respite services • Consultation with an RN, as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training shall include an overview of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and methods of communicating with persons with dementia In-service training curricular shall include updates on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia • Agencies must provide access to an electronic interface that caregivers use for daily notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to other waiver services including adult day services and respite care
Allowable caregiver services	<p>Caregiver is responsible for supporting the participant to maximize the highest level of independence possible by providing care and support, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision or assistance in performing Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) • Supervision or assistance in performing Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) • Protective supervision provided solely to assure the health and welfare of the participant • Supervision or assistance with health-related tasks • Supervision or assistance while escorting/accompanying the member outside of the home 	<p>Services must be provided as part of an approved person-centered plan of care and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homemaker care services related to needed IADLs • Attendant care services related to needed ADLs • Medication oversight • Escorting for necessary appointments • A substitute caregiver, chosen by the participant and employed by the agency • Supportive and health-related attendant and homemaker services that substitute for the absence, loss, diminution, or impairment of a physical or cognitive function 	<p>Caregiver provides the participant assistance with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal care • Supervision • Cueing • Meals • Homemaker • Chore services • Medication management (to the extent permitted under State law) • Other IADLs, such as transportation for necessary appointments, shopping, and managing finances)

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Service reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The caregiver must make daily notes on services provided in a “secure, HIPAA-compliant electronic format” The agency must use the information to monitor participant health and caregiver support needs 	The caregiver must make daily notes on services provided on an electronic interface that is provided by the agency	The caregiver must make regular notes on services provided
Enrollment cap	The number of waiver participants is capped but not the number of waiver participants who may receive SFC services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual limit, if a participant leaves the program slots may not be re-used during the waiver year Current cap is 300 	The number of waiver participants is capped but not the number of waiver participants who may receive SFC services
Policies to balance cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per diem stipend is equal to the cost of 5 hours of extended personal support services which is the criteria for qualifying for the service Separate payment will not be made for Personal Support or Extended Personal Support Service, Alternative Living Services or Home Delivered Meals 	Those who choose this waiver may not receive any other LTSS or HCBS	Separate payment for meals, homemaker services and/or chore services will not be provided
Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elderly and disabled waiver EDWP and CCSP and SOURCE general services manual and personal services manual, which can both be found here 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid waiver page Home and Community Based Services Manual Missouri Statutes §208896 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Dakota Structured Family Caregiving Guide FY2022 Structured Family Caregiving Provider Provision Fee schedule Home and Community-Based Options and Person-Centered Excellence (HOPE) Waiver