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Agenda

1. What is a Home and Community Based Service(HCBS) Waiver?
2. How to apply for an HCBS Waiver
3. HCBS Waiver Approval Process
4. Community Based Care (CBC) State Plan Services

What is an HCBS Waiver?

- Nevada has three (3) HCBS Waivers
 - HCBS Waiver for the Frail Elderly (FE)
 - HCBS Waiver for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PD)
 - HCBS Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and Related Conditions
- Eligibility
 - The income threshold is higher than traditional Medicaid – 300% Social Security Income (SSI)
 - Individuals benefit from Full Medicaid Eligibility as well as additional long-term supportive services
- Intended to provide supportive services to keep individuals in their home and community and out of Nursing Facilities or other Long-Term Care Facilities



Frail Elderly (FE) Waiver

- Target Population

- Persons age 65 and older; and
- Meet a nursing facility level of care; and
- Have income at or below \$2,313.00 per month; and
- Cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources;
- if married: Spousal case - limit - \$128,640

- Services

- Personal Care Services (PCS) – authorized by Medicaid (DXC)
- Case management;
- Homemaker;
- Social adult day care;
- Adult companion;
- Personal emergency response system;
- Chore;
- Respite; and
- Augmented Personal Care (APC) in a Residential Care Facility for Group



Physically Disabled (PD) Waiver

- Target Population

- Persons age 18 and older; and
- Meet a nursing facility level of care; and
- Have income at or below \$2,313.00 per month; and
- Cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources;
- if married: Spousal case - limit - \$128,640

- Services

- Personal Care Services (PCS) – authorized by Medicaid (DXC)
- Case management;
- Attendant
- Homemaker;
- Social Adult Day Care;
- Adult Companion;
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Chore;
- Respite;
- Home Delivered Meals (HDM)
- Specialized Medical Equipment; and
- Environment Accessibility Adaptation



How to Apply for an HCBS Waiver

- Contact local ADSD office
 - Reno Intake phone #: 775-687-0800
 - Carson City Intake phone #: 775-687-4210
 - Elko Intake phone #: 775-738-1966
- Be prepared to provide applicant and household information
 - Individual and/or spouse income
 - Earned and Unearned income
 - All resources
 - Bank accounts, vehicles, real estate, life insurance, burial insurance, trusts
- Waiver specific documentation
 - FE– must be age 65 or over
 - PD – must have a diagnosis of a physical disability as determined by a licensed healthcare professional



HCBS Waiver Approval Process

- ADSD
 - Case Manager will contact the applicant to schedule an in-person assessment
 - Assist with application completion, gathering of documents and submitting information to sister agencies for review/approval
- Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
 - Review the application and supporting documentation for financial approval
 - If needed, may request additional information to determine eligibility
 - ADSD Case Manager will assist the applicant with this request
- Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (DHCFP)
 - Reviews supporting documentation from ADSD for Waiver approval



Program Eligibility - ADSD

- Applicants must meet a Nursing Facility Level of Care
 - Case Manager makes determination based on in-home visit
- Applicants must be at imminent risk of Nursing Facility Placement within 30 days if services are not authorized
- Applicants must require at least one (1) ongoing HCBS Waiver service each month



Financial Eligibility - DWSS

- Applicants must be at or below 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate for their household size.
- Applicants cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources
 - Requires spousal resource assessment
- Must be a resident of the State of Nevada and
- Must be a United States Citizen or a Lawful Permanent Resident



Final Determination - DHCFP

- ADSD will notify the DHCFP that the recipient is eligible for the Waiver
- DHCFP will input a benefit line into MMIS Interchange which is an indicator that payment may be issued
 - Benefit line will be input according to the day recipient made eligible for the Waiver
 - This date may not be the day the recipient was admitted to the Assisted Living/Group Home
- Provider may submit claim through Payer Portal once eligibility is verified



Awaiting a Waiver Slot

- Waiver Waitlist
- CBC State Plan Services
 - Community Service Options Program for the Elderly (COPE)
 - Personal Assistance Services (PAS)
 - Homemaker
- Individuals that already have full Medicaid eligibility
 - Long Term Services and Supports
 - Personal Care Services (PCS), home health, private duty nursing, hospice, nursing facility
 - Behavioral Health
 - Rehabilitative mental health, substance abuse prevention and treatment, targeted case management, inpatient psychiatric services, residential treatment centers
 - Preventative and Routine Medical Care

Community Based Care State Plan Services

- Community Service Options Program for the Elderly (COPE)
- Personal Assistance Services (PAS)
- Homemaker





COPE

- Target Population
 - Persons age 65 and older; and
 - Meet a nursing facility level of care; and
 - Have income at or below \$3,249.00 per month; and
 - Have assets under \$10,000 individual / \$30,000 couple.
- Services
 - Case management;
 - Homemaker;
 - Social Adult Day Care;
 - Adult companion;
 - Personal Emergency Response System (PERs);
 - Chore;
 - Respite; and
 - Attendant care.



PAS

- Target Population
 - age 18 or older; and
 - must have a physical disability that limits their Activities of Daily Living (ADL) including bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, mobility, transferring and eating; and
 - Have income at or below 800% Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) (\$8,506.67 individual, increases per household member).
- Services
 - Case Management;
 - Attendant Care; and
 - Homemaker



Homemaker

- Target Population

- Individuals deemed disabled by Social Security, or over the age of 60; and
- Has at least one functional deficit which includes an impairment with mobility, cognition, endurance or sensory; and
- Has income at or below 110% FPL (\$1,170 per month); and
- Has assets at or below \$10,000 individual / \$30,000 couple.

- Services

- Case Management
- Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
 - Housekeeping; meal preparation, laundry, essential shopping





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Acronyms

- Activities of Daily Living (ADL)
- Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)
- Community Based Care (CBC)
- Community service Options Program for the Elderly (COPE)
- Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
- Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
- Frail Elderly (FE)
- Federal Poverty Limit (FPL)
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
- Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL)
- Personal Assistance Services (PAS)
- Personal Care Services (PCS)
- Physically Disabled (PD)

