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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



# 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
- ADSD will notify the DHCFP and the DWSS to review for eligibility once everything has been verified, and a Waiver slot is available



# 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



# 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





# Community Based Care State Plan Services

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





# 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) (\$9,159.33 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 (\$1,145 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





# Questions?





# Contact Information

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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)

