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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 a HCBS Waiver?

- Community Based Care works with (2) two of Nevada's HCBS Waivers
 - HCBS Waiver for the Frail Elderly (FE)
 - HCBS Waiver for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PD)
- Intended to provide supportive services to keep individuals in their home and community and out of Nursing Facilities or other Long-Term Care Facilities
- 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





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 \$2,523.00 per month; and
- Cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources;
- if married: Spousal case - limit - \$130,380

- Services

- Personal Care Services (PCS) – authorized by Medicaid (Gainwell)
- 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 with a physical disability; and
- Meet a nursing facility level of care; and
- Have income at or below \$2,523.00 per month; and
- Cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources;
- if married: Spousal case - limit - \$130,380

- Services

- Personal Care Services (PCS) – authorized by Medicaid (Gainwell)
- Case management;
- Attendant
- Homemaker;
- 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

- Provide completed, signed CBC application
 - Applications can be emailed, faxed, mailed or turned into a local office ADSD/CBC office.
 - Required to be signed by applicant/designated representative
- 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)



COPE

- Target Population
 - Persons age 65 and older; and
 - Meet a nursing facility level of care; and
 - Have income at or below \$ 3,624.96 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) (\$8,584.00 individual, increases per household member) - those over 300% FPL are subject to a co-pay for services
- Services
 - Case Management;
 - Attendant Care; and
 - Homemaker
 - Respite





Contact Information

- Local ADSD offices
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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)

