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Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease Out-of-
State Placements Update

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Agenda

1. Out-of-State (OOS) Placements
2. Alzheimer's and Dementia recipients placed OOS
3. Challenges to Preventing out-of-state Nursing Facility (NF) placements
4. Efforts to return OOS Recipients to Nevada
5. Behaviorally Complex Care Program (BCCP)

OOS Placements

The following is a count of Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) recipients placed OOS.

State	2018	2019	January 2020
Arizona	*	*	0
Idaho	18	18	16
Massachusetts	*	*	*
Utah	15	21	13
Total	43	44	32

- 14 recipients were either discharged or are now deceased.
- Currently there are less than ten Medicaid FFS recipients with a diagnosis Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease placed in an OOS Nursing Facility.

*The total member count may not be accurate due to HIPAA disclosure restrictions



Challenges to Preventing OOS Placement

- Potential lack of beds available in Nevada facilities.
- Inability of facilities to meet care needs.
- Lack of secure units for recipients who have elopement or wandering behaviors.
- For individuals 22-65 years of age, community-based resources to support a recipient, as well as their caregiver, to remain in the least restrictive environment.

Efforts to Return OOS Recipients to Nevada

- If initiated by the recipient and/or family member, an assessment will be conducted
- Factors considered to relocate a recipient includes:
 - The affect an interstate move will have on the health and welfare of the individual
 - Availability and appropriateness of an interstate facility to meet the care needs of a recipient
- Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) reviews OOS placements annually to evaluate appropriateness and determine if recipient needs can be met instate.



Behaviorally Complex Care Program (BCCP)

BCCP is a tiered payment reimbursement benefit for recipients who demonstrate consistent aggressive behaviors ranging from self-injury, verbal aggression, and refusing medications/ADLs.

BCCP Behaviors may include:

- Self-injury
- Physical Aggression
- Verbal Aggression
- Regressive Behaviors
- Resisting Care

NF must demonstrate that the recipient has a history of *persistent* disruptive behavior that is not easily altered and requires an increase in resources from NF staff.





BCCP Eligible Populations

Eligible Individuals

- FFS recipients over 21 years of age
- The Behaviorally Complex Care Program is for Nevada Medicaid Nursing Facility (NF) residents with a severe, medically-based mental health disorder or diagnosis which causes diminished capacity for judgement. Residents must exhibit significant behaviors.
- History of persistent disruptive behavior that is not easily altered and requires an increase in resources from nursing facility staff



BCCP Excluded Populations

- Suicidal individuals
- Homicidal individuals
- Recipients under 21 years of age
- Recipients receiving hospice services
- MCO recipients
- Recipients with elopement or wandering behaviors not associated with aggressive behaviors.
- Out-of-State NF recipients
- Recipients residing in Hospital Based Nursing Facilities



Impact of the BCCP on Out of State Placements

- Since the implementation of BCCP in 2004 after a legislative request, Nevada Medicaid has seen a reduction in OOS placements.
- Currently there are 612 recipients on the BCCP program in Nevada, and only 32 recipients are currently placed OOS.
- Provides NF with the resources necessary for 1 on 1 staffing.
- All NF must demonstrate competency to adequately address the individual's behavior. All NF must have a Dementia Care Training Program as per the CMS final rule for Long Term Care Facilities for all Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs).



Alzheimer's or Dementia recipients on the BCCP

The following is a count of Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) recipients with a Dementia or Alzheimer's diagnosis on the BCCP program.

	Alzheimer's Dx	Dementia Dx	Total Recipients
2018			233
Tier 1	28	113	141
Tier 2		*	*
Tier 3	25	66	91
2019			105
Tier 1	10	53	63
Tier 2	0	0	0
Tier 3	8	33	41

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**Does not include all recipients approved for BCCP program, only recipients with dementia or Alzheimer's diagnosis.





Questions?





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