



**Adult Services and Aging (ASA)
Home and Community-Based Services
(HCBS) Waiver Renewal**

What is the Waiver?

- Program that allows South Dakota to provide services in consumer's home/community using Medicaid dollars
- Granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Benefits of HCBS Waiver

- Consumers stay in their homes and communities longer by accessing home and community-based services
- Consumers eligible for Waiver are also Medicaid eligible
- Cost effective

Who is Eligible?

Individuals 65 and older, and individuals 18 and older with a qualifying disability who meet:

- Nursing Facility Level of Care
- Financial and other eligibility

Current HCBS ASA Waiver Services

- Homemaker Services
- In-Home Nursing Services
- Adult Day Services
- Emergency Response Systems
- Meals and/or Nutritional Supplements
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Specialized Medical Supplies
- Respite Care
- Adult Companion Services
- Personal Care Services
- Assisted Living
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

Current Population Served

FY15 Total Served: 1645 (unduplicated)

- Assisted Living: 1040 (unduplicated)
- In Home: 605 (unduplicated)

Waiver Renewal

- Current ASA Waiver went into effect
October 1, 2011
- ASA Waiver is due for renewal
July 1, 2016
- Anticipated effective date
October 1, 2016

ASA Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Workgroup

2015 Long Term Care Study recommended the State continue to expand and enhance HCBS and other community-based care

- ASA HCBS Workgroup was formed
- Goals were to evaluate barriers to Medicare skilled home health utilization and increase availability of home and community-based services and supports
- Stakeholders including government agencies, providers, legislators and other interested parties met three times from May through August, 2015

Recommendation #1 from the ASA HCBS Workgroup

Provide education and training to health care practitioners on reimbursement availability for physician oversight of Medicare skilled home health services and support and education on the reimbursement request process.

- Collaborating with stakeholders to determine education and training currently available and identify gaps.

Recommendation #2 from the ASA HCBS Workgroup

Analyze expansion of home and community-based waiver services including

- Training and counseling for unpaid caregivers as well as compensating for the expenses related to live in caregivers
- Chore Services
- Assistive Technology
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Vehicle Modifications
- Community Transition Services
- Day Habilitation

Recommendation #3 from the ASA HCBS Workgroup

Enhance awareness and understanding of the ADRC process through presentations and education.

- ASA continues to present information on the Aging and Disability Resource Connections Call Centers, Information and Referral, Options Planning, and assistance to access home and community-based services available through ASA
- Presentations are given to provider associations, hospitals, clinics and other stakeholder groups to enhance awareness and understanding of the ADRC process to access services

Recommendation #4 from the ASA HCBS Workgroup

Review ADRC process, and work with home health providers and targeted consumer groups to ensure smooth transitions between hospital and home for individuals by enhancing the Hospital Discharge Referral Protocols developed by ASA and the ADRC Workgroup Partners.

- ADRC Hospital Discharge Referral Protocol has been updated and is being shared with hospitals and clinics to assist with the transition process
- Supplemental Agreement for in-home providers will be updated in FY17 to include the requirement to communicate all ASA consumer hospitalizations with ASA to assist with the transition process

Recommended Services - Currently Implementing

- Training and counseling for unpaid caregivers
 - Caregiver Program offers services to caregivers for training and counseling
 - Active Generations is piloting stress buster classes for caregivers and providing educational materials to caregivers
- Caregiver compensation for live in caregivers
 - ASA will update the FY17 Supplemental Agreement to include information on how providers can compensate caregivers/relatives for care they provide to the care recipient

Recommended Services- Implementing with Waiver Renewal

- Chore Services
- Assistive Technology

Recommended Services- Exploring for future implementation

- Non-medical transportation
- Vehicle modifications
- Community transition services
- Day habilitation

ASA Waiver Renewal Proposed Changes

- Addition of Chore Services
- Expansion of Specialized Medical Equipment definition to include Assistive Technology
- Increase in earned income allowance for Assisted Living Waiver consumers
- Increase in standard needs allowance for In-home Waiver consumers

Chore Services

Chore services are services needed to maintain the home in a healthy and safe environment. Chore services may include, but are not limited to, the following tasks: lawn mowing, snow and ice removal from sidewalks and driveways or those services which the home owner is required to complete by city or county ordinance.

Specialized Medical Equipment

Specialized medical equipment enables a consumer to increase his or her ability to perform activities of daily living and assists a consumer to remain living safely at home. This includes, but is not limited to, the rental, purchase, and/or installation of devices, controls, sensors, or appliances such as devices programmed to automatically dispense medications, equipment that monitors health status (e.g., telehealth), wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, and assistive devices. Medical equipment reimbursed with waiver funds are in addition to any medical equipment furnished under the State Plan and exclude those items that are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the consumer.

Earned Income Allowance

- Earned income allowance for a consumer residing in an Assisted Living will be \$75
- Will benefit consumers residing in Assisted Living Centers as they will be able to keep up to \$75 in earned income in addition to a \$60 maintenance needs allowance

Standard Income Allowance In-Home Consumers

- Maintenance needs allowance for in-home consumer will increase from SSI plus \$300, to 300% of SSI
- In response to increasing cost of living expenses and the difficulty in-home consumers have meeting their financial obligations
- Increased needs allowance will reduce the consumer's responsibility to share in the cost of his/her services

ASA Waiver Renewal Next Steps

- Public comment period May 25, 2016 through June 24, 2016
 - Waiver application and summary of proposed changes document are available on DSS website for review at <https://dss.sd.gov/asa/>
 - DSS welcomes and encourages comments
- Submit application to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by July 1, 2016

Comments

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TOWN HALL CONFERENCE CALLS:

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June 14, 2016 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (CST)

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