



STATEWIDE HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES MEDICAID WAIVER FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED

The Statewide Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Waiver for Elderly and Disabled was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services effective May 1, 2002 to serve approximately 3,800 elderly and disabled individuals. This waiver is intended to provide a community-based cost-effective alternative to institutional nursing facility care for eligible individuals.

The Commission on Aging and Disability serves as the Operating Lead for the Waiver, which is administered under the supervision of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of TennCare.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals wishing to enroll in the HCBS Medicaid Waiver must meet the following requirements:

- Be a resident of the State of Tennessee
- Meet the financial requirements to receive Medicaid as determined by the Department of Human Services
- Meet TennCare Pre-Admission Evaluation (PAE) medical criteria for Level I nursing facility care
- Be an adult 22 or older
- Be able to receive services in the home at a cost less than that of institutional care
- Must have an identified caregiver available

SERVICES

Individuals enrolled in the Waiver may be eligible to receive all TennCare covered services and the following Waiver services:

Case Management

Enrollees receive case management visits for the purpose of arranging and coordinating waiver and other services and reviewing the quality of care.

Personal Care Services

Enrollees may receive assistance with activities of daily living and other activities that enable the Enrollee to remain in the home.

Homemaker

Enrollees may receive help with household chores such as sweeping, mopping, dusting, making the bed, washing dishes, personal laundry, and errand running.

Adult Day Care

Community based group programs of care lasting from three to eight hours per day provided by a licensed provider.

Personal Emergency Response System

An Electronic device which enables certain individuals at high risk to secure help in an emergency.

Personal Care Attendant

Enrollee will receive direct assistance with activities such as toileting, bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, eating, meal preparation (excluding the cost of food), budget management, and attending appointments. An Enrollee may receive up to 20 hours per week.

In-Home Respite

Enrollees unable to care for themselves will have someone to come on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of the normal caregiver.

Minor Home Modifications

Enrollees may receive the provision and installation of certain home mobility aides and modifications to the home environment to enhance safety.

Pest Control

The use of sprays, poisons and traps, as appropriate, in the enrollee's residence to regulate or eliminate the intrusion of roaches, wasps, mice, rats and other pests into the household.

Home Delivered Meals

Nutritionally balanced meals that provide at least one third but no more than two-thirds of the current daily recommended dietary allowance.

Inpatient Respite

Respite provided in a Nursing Home or Assisted Living Facility at a maximum of 9 days per year to provide relief for the caregiver.

Assistive Technology

Assistive devices, adaptive aids, controls or appliances which enable an enrollee to increase the ability to perform activities of daily living or to perceive or control their environment.

SERVICE AREA

The Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Agency and Disability serves the counties of Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie.

If you would like to have additional information please call the Information and Assistance number (Toll Free) 1(866) 836-6678.

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