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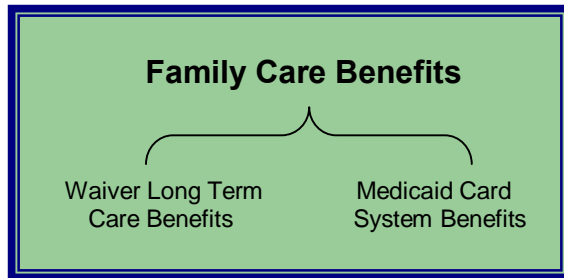
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# FAMILY CARE

## What is Family Care?

- Family Care is a regional approach for managing the long term care benefits and resources for eligible individuals.
- Benefits provided to eligible<sup>1</sup> individuals are commonly referred to as “waiver services<sup>2</sup>”. Eligible individuals who are not being provided benefits in the current county based system have been placed on waiting lists<sup>3</sup>.
- The goal of Family Care is to eliminate current waiting lists.
- The philosophy of Family Care is “access, choice, quality and cost-effectiveness, the right service, in the right amount, at the right time”.
- Family Care is person-centered, outcome-driven.



<sup>1</sup> Members must be both financially (Medicaid guidelines) and functionally (unable to perform key activities of daily living) eligible for program services.

<sup>2</sup> Waiver services are home and community based services provided as alternatives to placing Medicaid beneficiaries in nursing homes, hospitals or other institutions.

<sup>3</sup> Waiting list includes people that are eligible for waiver services but are not receiving services due to funding.

## What are Long Term Care Benefits?

Long term care benefits include:

- Adaptive aids *general and vehicle*
- Adult day care
- Alcohol/drug abuse day treatment services
- Care/case management
- Communication aids/interpreter
- Community support programs
- Consumer/self-directed support
- Education/training
- Counseling & therapeutic services
- Daily living skills training
- Day services/treatment
- Durable medical equipment *except hearing aids/prosthetics*
- Occupational therapy
- Personal care/emergency response systems
- Home health/modifications
- Housing counseling
- Home meal delivery
- Mental health day treatment services *all settings*
- Nursing facilities/services

## Who are the consumers Family Care covers?

- Consumers must meet the following criteria to be eligible for Family Care:
  1. Eligible for Medicaid
  2. Otherwise eligible to receive services in a nursing home
  3. At least 65 or at least 18 years old with a physical/developmental disability
- This includes adults currently on Medicaid long term care waivers or on waiting lists for waiver services. (Waiver services cover eligible physically disabled, developmentally disabled and frail elderly individuals.)

## What effect will Family Care have on the county?

- Some long term care programs and related financial risk will move to the District.
- The impact on county employment will be determined by each county based on their priorities and plans.
- The District will contract with the County for care management services on a transitional basis if the county desires.
- By statute, the county contribution is capped at 2006 levels if less than 22% of the base county allocation or at 22% of the 2006 base county allocation in the fifth year.

## What effects will Family Care have on the county employees?

- County employees will be able to apply for positions with the District.
- There will be an increase in care management positions in the District.
- Contracted salaries and benefits for County employees that become employees of the District will be maintained per current contracts.