



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Aging and Adult Services

Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Update

(All numbers are based on as of March 25, 2013 unless otherwise noted)

Current Recipients

- Adult Day Health Care Waiver: **664**
- Community Choices Waiver: **4,214**
- Long Term Personal Care Services: **16,642**
- Program All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly: **297**
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Waiting List (SRI)

- Adult Disabled Health Care Waiver: **3,579**
- Community Choices Waiver: **34,272**

Money Follows the Person Services Update

- Number of transitions since 2007: **270**
- 2012/2013 OAAS Benchmark: **2012 -100, 2013 - 105**
- 2012/2013 OAAS Transitions: **2012 – 147, 2013 - 37**
- Number in pipeline: **348**

State-funded Services Update

Current

- Community and Family Supports: **17**
- State Personal Assistance Program: **14**
- Traumatic Head /Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund: **629**

Waiting List

- Community and Family Supports: **112**
- State Personal Assistance Program: **123**
- Traumatic Head /Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund: **134**

Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury

OAAS completed a second waiting list validation and has begun opening cases from the waiting list. We will open as many new cases as the budget allows. We do not have a specific number at this time but expect to make a significant reduction in the waiting list.

Permanent Supportive Housing

Current Recipients of Permanent Supportive Housing is 2394 households

Louisiana is one of 13 states awarded HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration (PRAD) funds. The Louisiana Housing Corporation was awarded \$8,254,097 to use as rental assistance for extremely low income people with disabilities. The rental assistance is paired with housing developed through Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals will collaborate with the Louisiana Housing Corporation to create 200 units of permanent, integrated supportive housing for persons with disabilities.

Balancing Incentive Program

The Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services awarded Louisiana a State Balancing Incentive Program grant. Louisiana will receive an enhanced match rate of 2% for non-institutional Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS). The purpose of the program is to increase nursing home diversions and access to non-institutional long term care.

1915 (k): Community First Choice Option

OAAS is continuing to negotiate with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).regarding the Community First Choice application.

Electronic Plan of Care

ULL has completed programming of the OAAS Electronic Plan of Care. The system is now moving into the testing phase.

ACT 299 Study Group Report

SR 156, of the 2012 Regular Session, directed the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a report on the status of the implementation of the plan mandated by Act 299 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature on or before February 1, 2013. The

report was issued and is available on the DHH website. The study group and related committees will continue to meet and work on activities as identified in the work-plan.

Lifespan Respite Summit

The Lifespan Respite Summit was held on March 1, 2013. Over 50 individuals, including caregivers, funders, and respite providers attended. The group identified the following priorities:

- Establish respite as part of the continuum of care
- Propose legislation to create funding for lifespan respite
- Develop a "turbo-website" for identifying eligibility for respite and other programs (Expand LouisianaAnswers)
- Recruit non-social service members to expand coalition (bankers, public relations, etc.)
- Incorporate the Lifespan Respite Coalition as a non-profit 501(c)(3)
- Develop a time bank



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Objective 2.1 The quality of waiver services in Louisiana will improve through the development and implementation of a comprehensive home- and community-based services plan.

Activity 2.1.1 Participate in the further development, implementation, and monitoring of the plan mandated by Act 299 of 2011.

Update 2.1.1 SR 156, of the 2012 Regular Session, directed the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a report on the status of the implementation of the plan mandated by Act 299 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature on or before February 1, 2013. The ACT 299 study group met and issued a report. The study group and related committees will continue to meet and work on activities as identified in the work-plan.

Objective 2.2 Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) serving Louisianans with developmental disabilities will receive competitive compensation.

Activity 2.2.1 Participate in and monitor activities of the Act 299 workgroup for

- the starting DSP compensation level to be at or above the national average and
- the dedication of a certain percentage of the HCBS rate to DSP costs (based on provider cost reports).

Timeline: FFY 2015

Update 2.2.1 The ACT 299 Rate Reimbursement and Cost Reporting committee will discuss and consider the dedication of a certain percentage of the HCBS rate to DSP costs.

Objective 2.3 DSPs serving Louisianans with developmental disabilities will display a minimum skills set and have access to a graduated certification process with corresponding compensation increases.

- Activity 2.3.1** Advocate for
- the development of a (or use of existing) comprehensive and evidence-based training curriculum and certification for DSPs statewide and
 - the implementation of graduated pay increases for DSPs to correspond with performance on a graduated certification process.
- Timeline: FFY 2015*

Update 2.3.1 Acumen has developed and begun providing on-line training to consumer-directed workers. OAAS is working with Acumen to refine the training, and Acumen will provide the on-line training to consumer-directed workers in the Community Choices Waiver in early 2013 and in the LTPCS program shortly thereafter. Three web-based Learning Management Systems (LMS) have been reviewed for delivery of training to agency workers with the current recommendation being to further explore the use of the Essential Learning LMS.