



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Aging and Adult Services

July 2013 Report

Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Update

Current Recipients as of 06/11/2013

Current Recipients

- Adult Day Health Care Waiver: **647**
- Community Choices Waiver: **4,245**
- Long Term Personal Care Services: **15,657**
- Program All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly: **300**

Waiting List (SRI)

- Adult Disabled Health Care Waiver: **2,581**
- Community Choices Waiver: **32,797**

Money Follows the Person Services Update

Current Recipients as of 06/11/2013

- Number of transitions since 2007: 446
- 2012/2013 OAAS Benchmarks: 2012-100, 2013-220
- 2012/2013 OAAS Transitions: 2012-147, 2013-134
- Number in Pipeline as of 6-11-13 (SRI): 129

State-funded Services Update

Current Recipients as of 06/11/2013

- Community and Family Supports: 17
- State Personal Assistance Program: 14
- Traumatic Head /Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund: 591

Waiting List as of 6/11/2013

- Community and Family Supports & State Personal Assistance Program: 124
- Traumatic Head /Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund: 256

Permanent Supportive Housing

Current Recipients as of 6/11/2013

- 2362 households

ACT 105: Medication Administration

Act 105 expands the applicability of the certified medication attendant provisions to the Office of Aging and Adult services. This law will give providers the option to use certified medication attendants (CMA) to administer medication in the Community Choices Waiver.

Rate Reimbursement and Cost Reporting

DHH is working with consultants on a new cost reporting format that is intended to be simpler than the draft issued previously. Cost reports will be required for FY 13, however the data will not be utilized for rate setting until the following year.

Electronic Plan of Care (E-POC)

The Electronic Plan of Care (E-POC) has completed the testing phase and will be implemented in the next few months. The E-POC will be used in OAAS Waivers and in LTPCS.

Louisiana Lifespan Respite

A grant application to sustain and expand the Louisiana Lifespan Respite program was submitted to the Administration of Community Living on May 20, 2013. A lifespan respite voucher pilot (\$100,000), in conjunction with an innovative time bank model, constitutes the core of Louisiana's integrated and sustainable respite strategy. The successful outcomes of this grant will be used to attract corporations on an ongoing basis to contribute to the time bank and to shape future public policy. The grant will include a component that measures caregiver burden in relation to impact on work, psychosocial state, health, satisfaction with respite services, and overall quality of life

through a longitudinal study of participants receiving respite care through the lifespan respite voucher pilot.

Managed Long Term Supports and Services

Last fall DHH released a request for information (RFI) seeking creative, innovative and viable strategies that would assist the state in its effort to: improve quality of services, decrease fragmentation, create a system that utilizes promising and best practice, refocus the system to increase choice; and rebalance the system to meet the growing demand for home and community-based services.

Next month, the Department is expecting to release a concept paper providing an initial framework for MLTSS in Louisiana. This paper represents a first step in the discussion of how Louisiana can strengthen the long-term supports and services system. In the coming months DHH will be forming an advisory committee to provide guidance to the Department throughout this process and will be scheduling a number of public forums across the state.



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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 as needed to 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 DHH is working with consultants on a new cost reporting format that is intended to be simpler than the draft issued previously. Cost reports will be required for FY 13, however the data will not be utilized for rate setting until the following year.

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 The Technology committee, which includes training technology, will continue to meet as needed to work on activities as identified in the work-plan.