



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Aging and Adult Services

JANUARY REPORT: For Reporting Period October 1, 2 013 to December 17, 2013

Home and Community Based Services Update as of November 29, 2013

Current Recipients

- Adult Day Health Care Waiver: **689**
- Community Choices Waiver: **4316**
- Long Term Personal Care Services: **16077**
- Program All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly: **301**

Waiting List (SRI)

- Adult Disabled Health Care Waiver: **3806**
- Community Choices Waiver: **31,790**

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Effective October 9, 2013 applications for Permanent Supported Housing are now being taken by the Statewide Management Organization (SMO) contractor, Magellan of Louisiana. The number to call to apply is 1-800-424-446.

In addition, as PSH transitions to becoming a Medicaid-funded service, eligibility for new applicants is limited to persons receiving or eligible for 1915 (i) services through OBH or an OAAS or OCDD waiver. Persons currently in PSH services who are not eligible for one of these programs are continuing to receive their services through Community Development Block Grant funds.

The Louisiana Permanent Supportive Housing Program was recently named one of three winners of the 2013 Great Places in Louisiana award given by AARP's Livable Communities Council, the Center for Planning Excellence, and the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Money Follows the Person Demonstration

OAAS' Money Follows the Person program is exceeding benchmarks for transitioning individuals from nursing homes to the community. This year, OAAS was able to exceed the CMS proposed transition benchmark of 100 by 68, moving 168 nursing facility residents back into their desired communities with Community Choices waiver services. OAAS is also focusing effort on improving discharge planning capacity in nursing homes. OAAS, working with Health Standards and OBH, provided web-based training on discharge planning for nursing homes on December 3rd, 5th, and 6th of 2013. Additional training is being planned. OAAS is also working to address some of the key barriers to transition, especially the availability of housing and of mental health services.

LA Options in Long Term Care

The contract with XEROX State Health to operate the OAAS LTC Access Hotline was approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget to be extended for a 2 year period. The contract will end on June 30, 2016. The contract amendment is now in process. OAAS and DHH sought the extension to avoid having to do a new RFP and contract while discussions are ongoing on the proposal to move to managed long term supports and services.

Medication Administration

The rule published last year regarding medication administration and non-complex tasks performed by direct service workers became enforceable on December 2013. OAAS worked with affected participants to ensure plans were in place for their services. OAAS continues to work with our sister agencies in DHH and with the LA State Board of Nursing on implementation of this rule.

Medicaid Purchase Plan (MPP)

The Medicaid Purchase Plan changes previously announced by Medicaid took effect December 31, 2013. In response to concerns about MPP participants who were losing Long Term Personal Care Services (LTPCS) OAAS was able to arrange for a number of individuals who needed personal care assistance to remain working or to avoid institutionalization to receive assistance through other OAAS managed programs.

Louisiana Lifespan Respite

The Louisiana Lifespan Respite grant has been extended until August 22, 2014. The focus in the next year will be collaborating with corporations to obtain funding for respite vouchers and with faith based organizations to create new respite services.

Success Story

Mr. B was admitted to a nursing facility for rehabilitation after a stroke, The intent was for short-term nursing home placement only. However, it was later decided that Mr. B's care needs were greater than expected, and that he would not be able to safely return to his home without waiver services in place.

His niece stated that her uncle had never married and had always lived in his parent's home. She stated that Mr. B's father's only wish was that Mr. B be allowed to return to his home. On April 21, 2010, Mr. B was able to transition home with waiver services in place. His family built a ramp with a large porch (for wheelchair turnaround) so that he would be able to safely access his home as well as enjoy being outside. His father stated, "I got my son back after two years. I even slept on the floor by his bed last night in case he needed anything."

His niece stated that they were so grateful that he was able return home and acknowledged that it would not have been possible without waiver services. In this case, it is evident that the Community Choices Waiver program not only allowed Mr. B an alternative to nursing home placement, but restored the family structure.