Connecticut Department of Social Services

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ELDER WAIVER FACT SHEET

CT Home Care Program for Elders Medicaid Waiver Program

- Waiver initiated 7/1/1987.
- Currently 9,400 waiver participants.
- Covered Services: Adult Day Care, Care Management, Homemaker, Respite, Assisted Living, Chore, Companion, Minor Home Modifications, Home Delivered Meals, Mental Health Counseling, Personal Emergency Response Systems, Transportation (non-medical).
- Annual budget for SFY 2011 is approximately $200 million.
- 3 Access Agencies currently provide the case management services to waiver participants across the state: CT Community Care Inc., South Central Agency on Aging and the Southwest CT Agency on Aging.
- Average care plan cost is approximately $1,300 per month.

Personal Care Assistance

- Personal Care Assistance (PCA) is physical assistance given to the participant with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring and walking. Additionally, the PCA may assist with such activities as meal preparation, housekeeping and laundry.
- PCA Services have been available as a state-funded pilot since July of 2004.
- Allied Community Resources is contracted as the fiscal intermediary and performs background checks of the PCAs, enroll the PCAs, assists in getting a federal ID # for the consumers, and issues the payments based on signed invoices, FICA, Medicare, Unemployment, etc.
- Family members may be utilized to provide PCA services as long as they are not a legally-liable relative, such as a spouse.
- Payment to family members for PCA services is limited to hands-on care.
- PA 09-64 added Personal Care Assistance Services to the CT Home Care Program provided that such services were not covered under the Medicaid state plan and that the services are more cost effective on an individual basis than the existing services covered under the plan and the provision of the service is subject to federal approval. PCA coverage for waiver participants is the same as is available under the current pilot program.
- PCA pilot program is currently limited to about 250 persons based on a $7.2 million appropriation.
- There are 200 active PCA recipients currently on the CT Home Care for Elders program: 161 are waiver participants and 39 are state funded clients.
- There are 52 applications for PCA services in process.

- Average cost of PCA services is $2300-$2400 per month.
- Legislation required 4/1/10 implementation; we are requesting retroactive approval to 7/1/09 in order to maximize federal revenue.
- There were no comments received from the Law Journal posting on March 2, 2010 of the waiver amendment.