

Draft recommendations from Adult Services and Aging, Home and Community Based Workgroup, 2015

The Adult Services and Aging, Home and Community Based Workgroup met three times from May through August, 2015 with the goals of evaluating barriers to Medicare skilled home health utilization and increasing availability of home and community based services and supports. Final recommendations from the workgroup are as follows.

1. Provide education and training to health care practitioners on reimbursement availability for physician oversight of Medicare skilled home health services and support and education on the reimbursement request process.
2. Between now and the waiver renewal period conduct additional research, including fiscal impact of expanding HCBS waiver services to include day habilitation, vehicle modifications, non-medical transportation, assistive technology, community transition services, chore services, and training and counseling services for unpaid caregivers as well as compensating for the expenses related to live in caregivers. Once the analysis is complete, initiate the waiver application/approval process which must be approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Expansion of waiver services will require an appropriation which must be approved by the legislature.
3. Enhance awareness and understanding of the ADRC process through presentations and education.
4. Review ADRC process, and work with home health providers and targeted consumer groups to ensure smooth transitions between hospital and home for individuals by enhancing the Hospital Discharge Referral Protocols developed by Adult Services and Aging and the ADRC Workgroup Partners.