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Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Program Update

The Montana Big Sky Waiver - Senior and Long Term Care Division - Is a Section 1915(c) waiver, which is referred to as Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver. These waivers are alternatives to providing long-term care in an institutional setting. The HCBS Waiver, serving the elderly (age 65 and older) and people with physically disabilities started in 1982.

The program recognizes that many individuals at risk of being placed in institutional settings can be cared for in their homes and communities, preserving their independence and ties to family and friends, at a cost no higher than that of institutional care. To qualify a person must be financially eligible for Medicaid and meet the program's level of care requirements in a nursing facility or hospital. The Department contracts with case management teams to develop an individual plan of care in conjunction with the consumer. This waiver has an extensive menu of services which includes case management, respite, adult residential care (aka. Assisted living), specialized services for those with traumatic brain injuries, environmental modifications, health and wellness, consumer directed services and personal emergency response systems.

On July 01, 2011, Montana added the 1915 (b) component, which limits the number of case management teams available. The Department contracts with seven agencies to provide case management services to members in the Wavier.

During FY 2015 approximately 2,500 people accessed services through the Waiver program for the elderly and disabled operated by the SLTC Division. HCBS services are limited by the amount of funding available and appropriated by the legislature, thus this is not an entitlement program under Medicaid. Expenditures of state and federal funds were about $38.5 million in FY 2015.

In July of 2016 there were approximately 495 individuals waiting for services and the average length of stay on the waiver waiting list was 208 days.

July 2016 - HCBS Waiver Waiting List Summary
Senior and Long Term Care Division

Total Waiting List	495 Individuals
Average Length of Stay on Waiting List	208 Days
Gender	
• Males	177
• Females	318
Status	
• Disabled	198
• Elderly	280
• Child	17
Service Requested	
• Assisted Living Facility	241
• Basic/In Home Placement	246
• Heavy Care/Supported Living	8

Home and Community Based Waiver Slots

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	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY 16	FY 17
Assisted Living Slots							Not Complete
AL Prior Year Slots	594	617	636	635	575	613	644
NF Transition, Expansion, Conversion	23	19	-1	-60	38	31	23
AL Total Slots	**617**	**636**	**635**	**575**	**613**	**644**	**667**

	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY 16	FY 17
Basic Slots							Not Complete
Basic Prior Year Slots	1109	1124	1155	1159	1236	1236	1237
NF Transition, Expansion, Conversion	15	31	4	77	5	1	-5
Basic Total Slots	**1124**	**1155**	**1159**	**1236**	**1241**	**1237**	**1232**

	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY 16	FY 17
CC3 slots - Heavy Care/Supported Living/TBI Specialized	**119**	**125**	**129**	**137**	**135**	**130**	**130**
AL AT Risk Diversion Slots	**12**	**12**	**6**	**9**	**9**	**14**	**14**
CSB NHT/Diversion Slots					**25**		
BSB Option slots	**25**	**25**	**31**	**33**	**34**	**32**	**32**
Money Follows the Person Slots						**1**	**11**
HCBS Waiver Total slots	**1897**	**1953**	**1960**	**1987**	**2057**	**2058**	**2086**
HCBS Waiver Total Members Served	**2409**	**2498**	**2393**	**2446**	**2536**	**2737 est.**	**2774 est.**