

# Tribal Home and Community Based Services Waiver

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# Big Sky Waiver

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Medicaid HCBS waiver for the elderly and disabled is commonly referred to as the Big Sky Waiver. This program is authorized in §1915(c) of the Social Security Act which permits a State to furnish an array of services that assist Medicaid members to live in the community and avoid institutionalization.

The State has broad discretion to design its waiver program to address the needs of the waiver's target population.

Waiver services complement and/or supplement services that are available to members through Medicaid State Plan and other federal, state and local programs.

# Review

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Two consultations of background information

Basic Big Sky Waiver information

- Service Reviews

Options for Tribes to participate

Some discussions regarding next steps

# Where are we at?

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Next Steps with a right turn –

Right turn??

- Inaccurate information
  - There are no federally mandated HCBS services
  - Case Management is a core component in Montana's program
- Integration into current services system
  - How HCBS would work with YOUR current long term care services and supports
  - Evaluating what is in your community that can be enhanced by adding HCBS services

# System Building

Developing a tribal waiver is equivalent to building a home and community based service system

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- What services does the Tribe already have?
  - Respite, Meals Personal Care, etc.
- Who uses the service?
  - Elderly, Disabled, Tribal Status
- Who provides the service?
  - Tribe, other Medicaid provider, senior center
- Who pays for the service?
  - Medicaid, Tribe, other third parties
- What are the services the Tribe needs?
  - Where are the holes in the system
  - What services do you often get asked for

# Purely Fictional Example of a System Building

Services Available	Who Uses	Who Provides	Who Pays	Comment
Personal Assistance	Elderly, Disabled	Tribe, Other Providers	Medicaid	Tribes without a Personal Assistance Program could develop the service.
Respite Care	Dementia Clients	Tribe, family members	Tribe, unpaid caregivers	Life Span Respite not being utilized. Tribal waiver could cover this service to relieve an unpaid caregiver.
Home Modifications	Individuals who need home made more accessible/safe	Tribal housing Other Providers	Tribe, Medicaid, other sources	Tribal housing could be a Medicaid waiver provider.
Case/Care Management	Array of individuals	Tribe, IHS, other Medicaid programs, Big Sky Waiver	Variety of sources	Tribal waiver would allow direct case management or contract.

# Purely Fictional Example of a System Building - Needs

Service Needs	Tribal Waiver	<u>State Plan</u> Regular Medicaid	Comment
Private Duty Nursing	Yes	No, except children	Could be provided by the Tribe or by contract.
Dietetic Services	Yes	No	Some CHR programs may qualify as Medicaid providers.
Homemaker or Chore Services	Yes	No	Could be provided by the Tribe or by contract.

# Tribal Waiver Services

<b>Adult Day Health</b>	<b>Nutrition</b>	Respiratory Therapy
<b>Case Management</b>	Occupational Therapy	<b>Respite Care</b>
Community Transition	Pain and Symptom Management	Senior Companion
Day Habilitation	<b>Personal Assistance Services</b>	Specialized Child Care
<b>Dietetic Services</b>	Personal Emergency Response System	Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
Family Training and Support	Physical Therapy	Speech Therapy and Audiology
Health and Wellness	Post Acute Rehabilitation	Supported Employment
<b>Home Modification</b>	Prevocational Services	Supported Living
<b>Homemaker and Chore</b>	<b>Private Duty Nursing</b>	Vehicle Modification
<b>Non-Medical Transportation</b>	Residential Habilitation	<i>Specialized Tribal Service</i>

# On-Site Technical Assistance\*

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Senior and Long Term Care Division staff will assist with the building the system.

1. Walk through the process
2. Aide in recognizing opportunities
3. Identify Obstacles
4. Develop a plan

\*Planned out based on area and staff availability.

# Other Technical Work

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Waiver written and Approved

Rate Setting

Transition Planning

# Senior and Long Term Care Contacts

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