Tribal Home and Community Based Services Waiver

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Big Sky Waiver

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

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?

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

- 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 due you often get asked for
## Purely Fictional Example of a System Building

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

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

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

Senior and Long Term Care Division staff will assist with 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

Waiver written and Approved

Rate Setting

Transition Planning
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