VALUE OF A WAIVER

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What is a Medicaid Waiver?

➢ An Agreement with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to “Waive” Certain Requirements of Social Security Act
Having a waiver allows the state to:

- **Expand Eligibility** — Income and resources rules applied in the community
- **Target Service Group** — Elderly, Physically disabled
- **Expand Benefits** - Additional services to keep individual integrated in the community
- **Ability to restrict enrollment**
Example: “Big Sky”

**Target Service Group**
- Elderly (>65)
- Physically Disabled

**Eligibility**
- Meet Nursing Facility Level of Care
- Financial eligibility for Long Term Care Medicaid

**Goal**
- To provide services & support to individuals in the community to delay or prevent admission to a nursing home.

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EXAMPLE: “BIG SKY” (CONT.)

EXPANDED SERVICES

- HOME MODIFICATIONS
  - RAMP, WIDENING DOOR WAYS

- ASSISTED LIVING
  - CONGREGATE LIVING WITH SUPPORTS
  - COMMUNITY INTEGRATED

- RESpite
  - SERVICES DESIGNED TO GIVE CAREGIVER A BREAK