


Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

Transforming Lives

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
Department of Social and Health Services

1115 Waiver Status Update



Stakeholder Meeting
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Vision
Seniors and people with disabilities living in good health, independence, dignity, and control over decisions that affect their lives

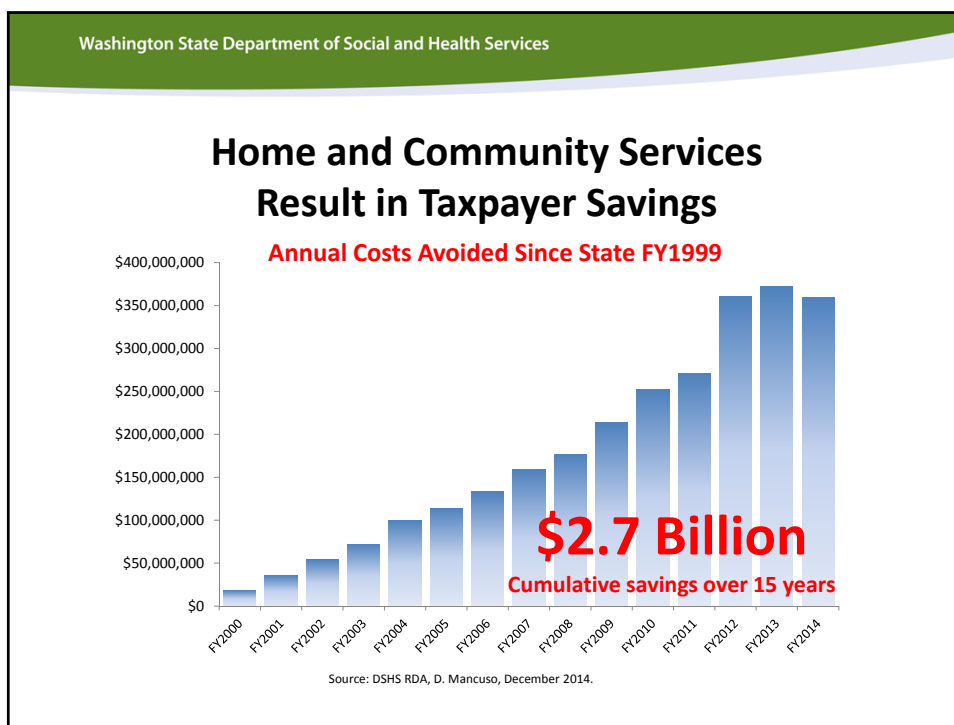
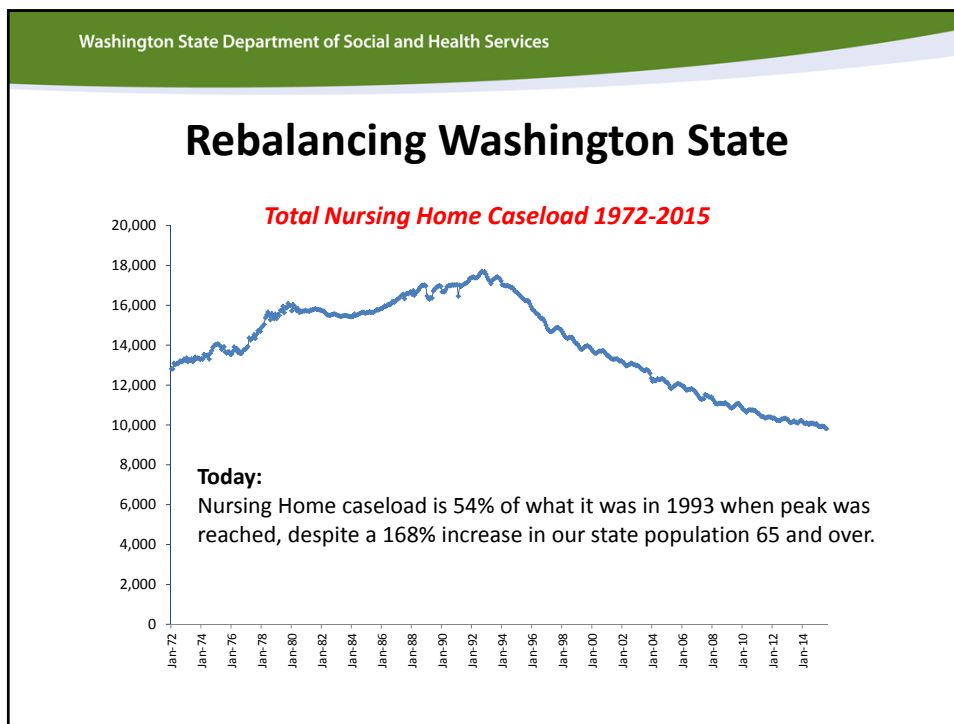
Mission
To Transform Lives by promoting choice, independence and safety through innovative services

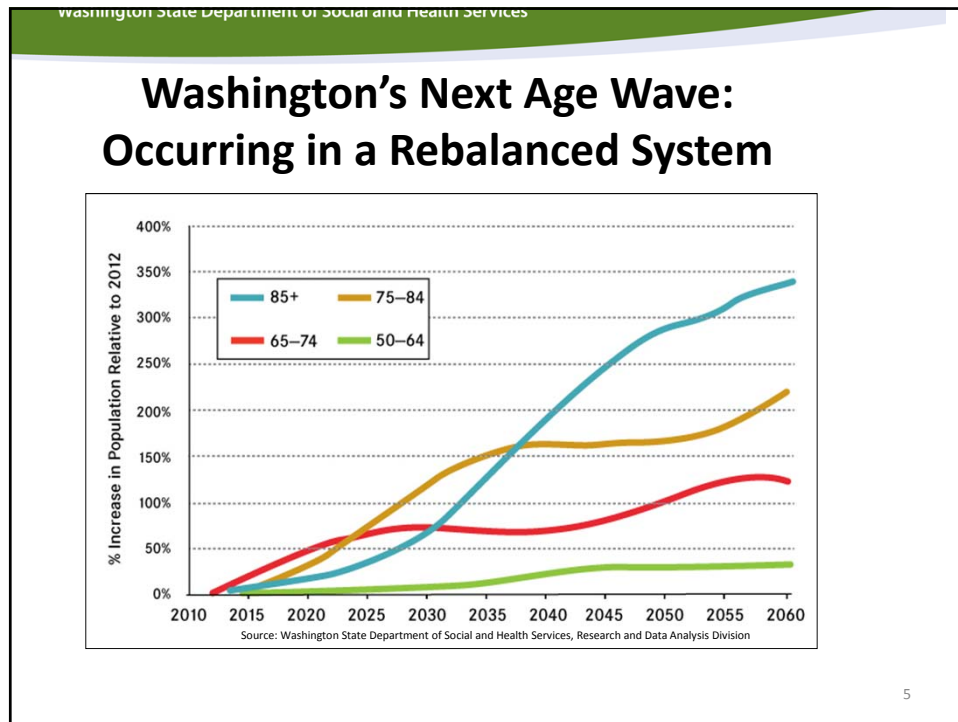
We Value
The Pursuit of Excellence, Collaboration, Honesty, Respect, Open Communication, Diversity, Accountability, and Compassion

Programs and Services

- Case Management
- In-home services and supports
- Community Residential Services
- Licensing, oversight and enforcement
- Adult Protective Services
- Pre-Medicaid Services
- Services to individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing

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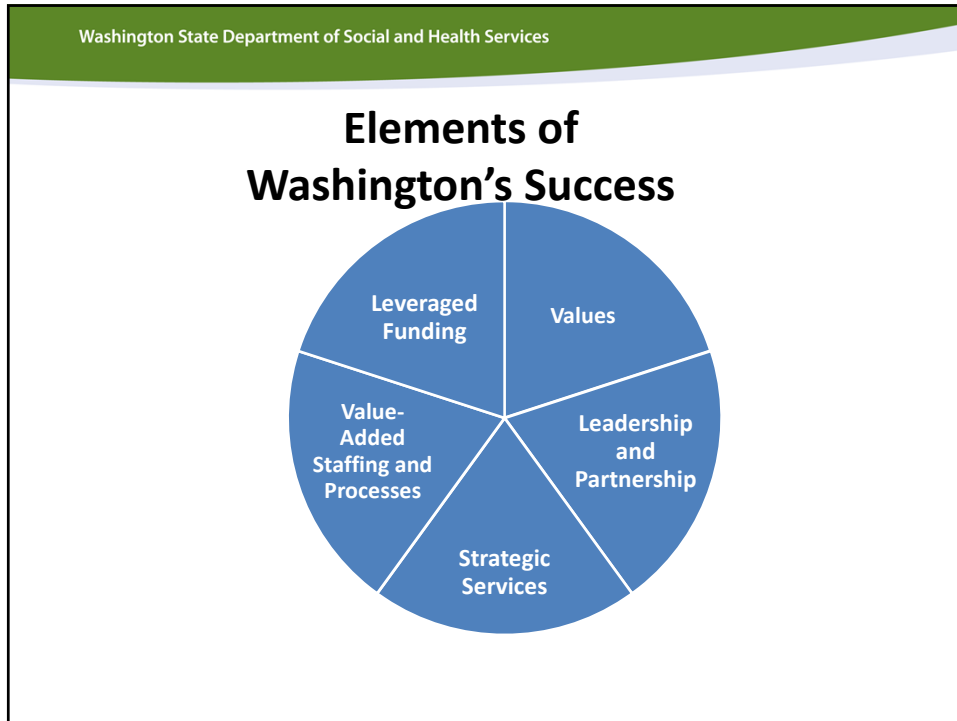
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As the population ages their health needs increase and so does the need for LTSS

- By 2035, the number of people age 75 or older will have risen by roughly 150%.
- Between 2010 and 2040, we anticipate a 181% increase in Medicaid clients over age 65 with Alzheimer's.
- 70% of people who reach the age of 65 are likely to need long term supports and services at some point in their lives.

Data provided by Research and Data Analysis, DSHS, June 2015.

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Targeting Services Can Address Diverse Needs and Keep Services Affordable for Taxpayers

“The Right Service at the Right Time”

- Long-term care is now six percent of Washington State’s budget
- Long-term care spending increases an average of 12% every biennium
- The state’s aging population will nearly double between 2015-2035

Continued success is contingent on continued service delivery innovation

Washington is seeking an 1115 Demonstration Waiver to Sustain and Continue LTSS Innovation

The LTSS System of the Future Must:

- Provide effective services for individuals before they spend down to Medicaid
- Provide effective supports to unpaid family caregivers
- Promote the right service at the right time and place
- Have the capacity to meet the needs of the population
- Strategically target LTSS Medicaid investments to slow the growth rate of public expenditures
- Leverage the expertise of LTSS providers to improve client health and client overall experience with the system
- Ensure services are person-centered and respond to changing needs

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Washington seeks to create a next generation delivery system that will expand the array of long-term services and supports benefits to meet the diverse needs of our aging population by:

Providing more choice in the services and supports individuals can receive to avoid or delay need for more intensive services

- Medicaid Alternative Care (MAC): Provides assessment driven individual and unpaid caregiver supports to Medicaid recipients as an alternate choice in LTSS benefits.

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Services that Delay or Avoid Spend Down to Medicaid for Individuals with Limited Resources

- Tailored Supports for Older Adults (TSOA) : Provides assessment driven individual and unpaid caregivers supports for individuals who meet 'at risk' for Medicaid criteria.

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Proposed Benefit packages: MAC & TSOA

Caregiver Assistance Services: Services that take the place of those typically performed by unpaid caregiver.

Training and Education: Assist caregivers with gaining skills and knowledge to care for recipient.

Specialized Medical Equipment & supplies: Goods and supplies needed by the care receiver.

Health Maintenance & Therapies: Clinical or therapeutic services for caregiver to remain in role or care receiver to remain in home.

Personal Assistance Services: Supports involving the labor of another person to help recipient (TSOA only).

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**Stakeholder Comments
and
Continued Development of the
Waiver Components**

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Stakeholder Comments on New Benefit Packages

Who will providers be?

How will expansion of Medicaid funded caregiver support services impact state and Older Americans Act programs that offer similar services?

Will there be a “default program” or will there be choice of programs?

Will individuals be able to choose a different program or service as needs change?

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Stakeholder Comments on New Benefit Packages

Questions about asset/resource test for TSOA
Proposed financial eligibility for MAC
Questions about proposed cost-sharing
Why is waiver of estate recovery being considered?

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Washington proposes revising eligibility criteria for nursing facility services so that people with the lowest needs receive services in the community

Individuals currently served in nursing facilities will continue to be eligible for this level of care.

Current Nursing Facility Level of Care (NFLOC) WAC 388-106-0355:

- a. The client needs daily care provided or supervised by an RN or LPN.
- b. The client has a need for assistance with 3 or more ADLs.
- c. The client has a need for hands on assistance with 2 or more ADLs.
- d. The client have a cognitive impairment AND a need for hands on assistance with 1 or more ADLs.

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Stakeholder Comments on NFLOC

What will new criteria be/How will it be developed?

Will there be sufficient community resources to meet the needs?

What occurs if someone in the future comes into a nursing home, improves and no longer meets the new NFLOC criteria?

Will individuals who no longer meet NFLOC be moved from NF to the new MAC/TSOA benefits?

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Discussion

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Questions for Discussion:

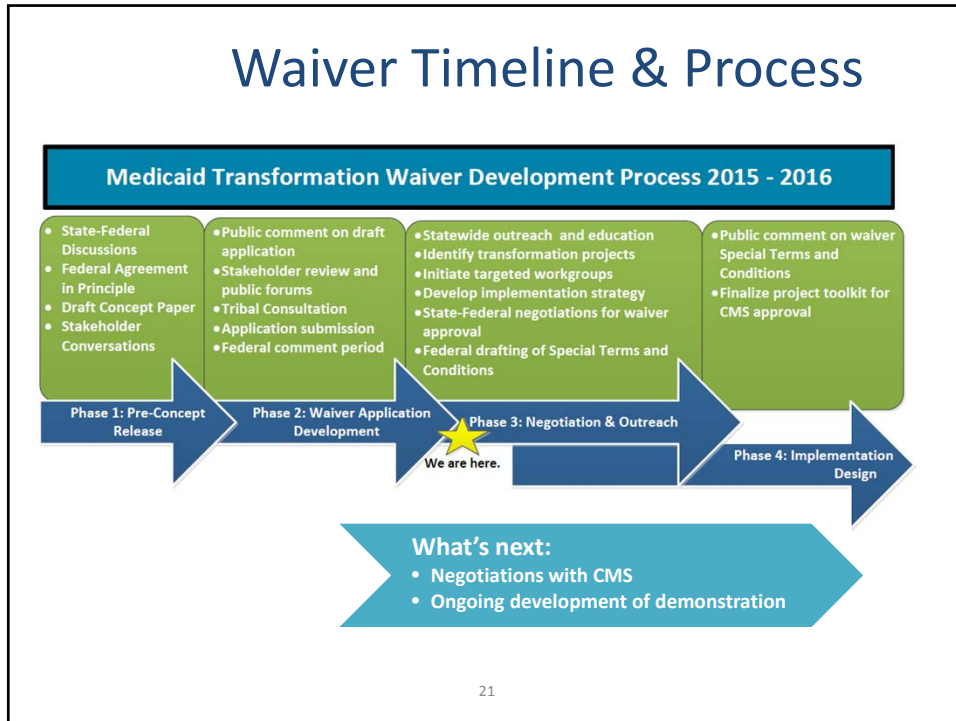
How can we ensure individuals receive needed information to make decisions about service choices?

What mechanisms should we use to ensure individual needs are met in new models?

Questions for Discussion:

What are effective ways to outreach to ensure individuals are aware of these new services?

Ideas for incorporating populations we serve into transformation projects of ACHs



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How to Stay Involved

Webinar: December 8th 2:00-3:30 on Transformation Toolkit

Join the Healthier Washington Feedback Network:
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Medicaid Transformation Website:
www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/medicaid_transformation.aspx

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