

# What are the Waiver Programs?

Home and Community Based Services



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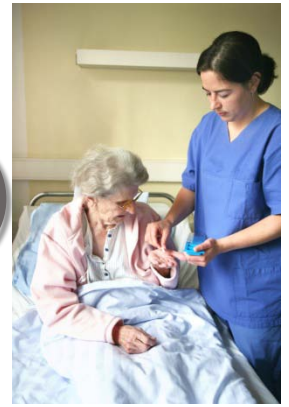
# OUR CIL WORKS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF WAIVERS IN OUR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS

- What are they?

1. PDA
2. Attendant Care
3. CSPPPD (Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities)

The CIL is a *referral agency*, but we do not assess eligibility for consumers to enter into one of these programs...we will get into those details later 😊

# PDA Waiver (Aging Waiver)



- General Eligibility:
  - Must be age 60 or older by enrollment
  - Must be eligible for Nursing Facility Services
- Program offers:
  - Adult day services
  - Companion Services
  - Home delivered meals
  - Home Health Services
  - Personal Assistance Services
  - ETC...
- What **we** do for this Waiver:
  - We do not do Service Coordination for this waiver
  - The local AAA assigns a Service Coordinator
  - We do provide FMS (financial management services)

# Attendant Care Program (ACP)



- General Eligibility:

- ❖ Individual must be 18 through 59 years of age at the time of enrollment
- ❖ Have a physical disability that will last longer than a year
- ❖ The ability to manage and direct your own care and supervise your own attendants
- ❖ The ability to manage your own financial and legal matters (NO POAs)
- ❖ Primary need must be personal care

# THE TWO TYPES IN ACP

## ● MA Waiver

Determined to need Nursing Facility Services but chooses to remain in their own home with the assistance of attendants



Is assessed by their local COA to meet the guidelines for financial resources.

## ● Act 150 Program

Personal Care needs but meets one of two criteria that disqualifies them for MA waiver

1. Needs personal care but is not nursing facility eligible
2. Or the consumer is Nursing Facility eligible but income is over the financial criteria set by County Assistance Offices

Act 150 consumer may have a fee for services, fee is based on household income and number of persons' living in the household



# What does this Program offer?

- **Personal Assistance Services**- i.e. bathing, transferring, cooking, cleaning, shopping...
- **Service Coordination** i.e. 2 visits a year to consumers home, monitoring phone calls, plan revisions, referrals, basically the consumers "go to" person
- **Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS units)** i.e. a small device that the consumer fits around either their neck or wrist that is a button. This button is pressed in the case of an emergency, it will alert medical personnel through a phone system. Consumer either must live alone or have just cause as to why they need this unit. It is no cost to the consumer
- **Financial Management Services (FMS)** - in charge of doing the payroll for attendants, workers comp., taxes for attendants, most items dealing with \$ involved with this program



# CSPPPD

- Several types of Waiver are under this branch

❖ **Independence Waiver**- consumer who has a disability that will likely continue indefinitely and results in substantial functional limitations in three or more major life activities such as mobility, communication, self-care, self-direction, capacity for independent living, or learning (18-60)

❖ **Commcare Waiver**- consumer must be medically determinable diagnoses of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) as well as have three major life limitations like Independence Waiver (+21)

❖ **Obra Waiver**- consumer has a developmental disability (not mental health or mental retardation) that will likely continue indefinitely and results in substantial functional limitations in three or more major life activities such as mobility, communication, self-care, self-direction, capacity for independent living, or learning . Consumer's disability must have occurred before the age of 22. As well as it must be a nursing home resident determines inappropriately placed. (18-60)



# HOW DOES THIS ALL WORK?

Individual becomes aware of  
PA's HCBS programs



Individual applies for  
enrollment in HCBS programs



Eligibility Determined

Physician determines  
medical necessity  
(MA 51)

Individuals Level Of  
Care is Assessed by  
the AAA

Individual's financial  
eligibility is  
determined by CAO

Applicable waiver or  
state-funded HCBS  
program is determined

Yes to all

No to any

Proceed to development  
of the plan of Services  
and selection of providers

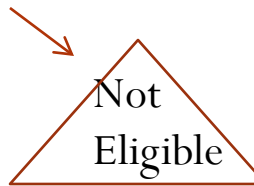
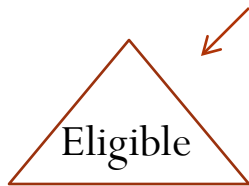
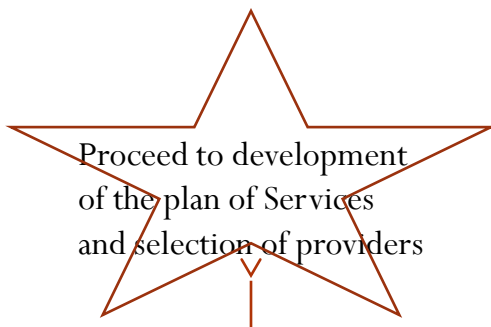
Eligible

Not  
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Eligible enrollee  
chooses one SC entity  
as their Coordinator

Eligible enrollee is  
given listing of  
potential service  
coordination entities

Refer to alternative



*Any Questions????*