

Proposed Medicaid Prevention Waiver Fact Sheet

The proposed waiver is an outgrowth of recommendations presented to the Department of Mental Health in October 2008 by the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disability Services (MACDDS). MACDDS, with grant funding from the Missouri Foundation for Health, presented a research paper, "2008 Campaign for Excellence", which included recommendations for opportunities to maximize federal Medicaid funding and to partner with DMH to improve access, maximize revenue, expand eligibility, and enhance funding. The Prevention Waiver is the result of coordinated efforts of members of MACDDS and staff of the Division of Developmental Disabilities to translate those ideas into a Medicaid waiver. Important highlights of the Prevention Waiver include the following:

- Increase capacity to provide community based services to persons at risk of institutional care; support persons living in integrated community settings with preventive services in a timely manner; partner with local County Boards in funding waiver services
- Includes 37 participating local County Boards, representing 50% of the state population, and 14 of the 18 first class counties
- Oversight will reside with the Division of Developmental Disabilities
- County Boards will put up ½ of the state match to fund waiver slots with \$1.5 million in commitments from the County Boards
- Maximum potential expenditure per waiver slot is \$12,000; assuming a federal match rate of 64%, the Division's maximum potential exposure is ½ of the state share, or \$2,160 per participant, and the local County Boards' maximum potential exposure is the same
- Eligible waiver participants include children and adults who are Medicaid eligible, reside in a participating county, meet ICF/MR level of care, whose needs can be met with the offered services at a cost of no more than \$12,000 annually, and who meet the waiver criteria
- Wide array of services based on the anticipated needs of the types of persons likely to be served, including:

day habilitation	supported employment	career planning
pre-vocational	temporary residential	transportation
dental	personal assistant	physical therapy
speech therapy	occupational therapy	personal assistant
behavior therapy	behavior analysis services	community specialist
support broker	personal electronic safety devices	environmental adaptations
professional assessment & monitoring (nutritional and nursing services)		
specialized medical equipment and supplies		
- Participant directed services is an option for community specialist, personal assistant and support broker
- Service limits on expenditures for environmental modifications, dental services, specialized medical equipment and supplies with an exception process
- Anticipated Outcomes: Allows state to provide services at relatively low cost; allows local County Boards to effectively match local resources; adopts a preventive rather than crisis management approach; creates a continuum of care; encourages families to continue care in the home instead of seeking out-of-home solutions
- Division has requested an effective date of October 1, 2010.

