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Introduction

OPPAGA produced this profile of Florida's Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers as a descriptive resource for policy makers and stakeholders. The profile provides uniform information about each waiver including eligibility criteria, services provided, persons served, expenditures, and the state agency responsible for operating the waiver program.¹

Medicaid HCBS waivers are authorized by Section 2176 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and incorporated into Title XIX of the Social Security Act as Section 1915(c). States can use this authority to offer a broad array of services not otherwise available through Medicaid that are intended to prevent or delay institutional placement. Florida's HCBS waivers vary on a number of dimensions. Some waivers are limited to persons with specific disease states or physical conditions (such as persons with cystic fibrosis); others serve broader groups (such as persons who are elderly and/or have disabilities). Waivers also differ with respect to the number and types of services provided, payment method, and whether waiver services are available statewide or limited to a few counties.² In Fiscal Year 2010-11, the Legislature appropriated \$1.36 billion to state agencies to serve beneficiaries in these 14 waivers. Of this amount, the Legislature appropriated \$7.9 million for transitioning individuals from nursing home care to the community.

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¹ Agencies with waiver responsibilities include the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Elder Affairs, and the Department of Health.

² For example, 11 waivers can serve individuals in all 67 counties while the other 3 waivers serve beneficiaries in as few as 2 counties.

	AGED	AND DISABLE	ED ADU	LT SER	VICES		
Counties Served	Statewide	Statewide					
Year Implemented	1982	1982					
Waiver Eligibility	be agebe Medmeet nu	Individual must • be age 65 or older or age 18 to 64 and determined disabled by the Social Security Administration • be Medicaid eligible • meet nursing home level of care ¹ • reside in home					
Services Provided	 adult da attendar caregive case aid case ma chore s consum counsel escort s financia home-d 	 attendant care caregiver training case aide case management chore services consumable medical supplies counseling escort services financial assessment and risk reduction home-delivered meals persor persor pest c physic rehabi respite skilled specia therap speec 			tional assess onal care onal care onal emerger control sical risk redubilitation engite care ed nursing cialized medicapies: occupech	ncy respons action ineering cal equipme ational, phy	ent and supplies vsical, respiratory, and
Operational Entity	Department Department	 home accessibility adaptations transition case management Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA), ages 60 or older Department of Children and Families (DCF), ages 18 to 59 Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Aging Out Program² 					
Enrollment and Waitlist ³	Enrollment Waitlist	Total 10,142 16,354	DOEA 9,313 12,010	DC 78 4,34	F	AHCA 41 None	-
Nursing Home Transition Enrollment ⁴	Enrollment	<u>Total</u>	D0EA 117	DC			
Total Waiver Approved Enrollment	12,087						
2010-11 Funding	DOEA	Total Appropriation \$ 98,117,691.00	<u>Federal F</u> \$ 60,381		State Fund \$ 37,736,0		
	DCF	Total Appropriation \$ 12,492,014.00	<u>Federal F</u> \$ 8,119,		State Fund \$ 4,372,20		
	AHCA	Total Appropriation \$ 13,799,191.00	Federal F \$ 8,944,		State Fund \$ 4,854,5		
Nursing Home Transition 2010-11 Funding	DOEA	Total Appropriation \$ 1,197,560.00	Federal F \$ 736,97		State Fund \$ 460,582		
	DCF	Total Appropriation \$ 468,003	<u>Federal F</u> \$ 304,20		State Fund \$ 163,801		

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¹ The Department of Elder Affairs determines that a beneficiary meets the medical and functional eligibility for Medicaid nursing home care.

² The Aging Out Program is for beneficiaries age 21 or older who no longer qualify to receive home-based medical services through the Department of Health's Children's Medical Services Program and thus "age out" of Children's Medical Services.

³ All enrollment and waitlist information is provided for the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Elder Affairs, and the Agency for Healthcare Administration as of December 2010. Delays in moving beneficiaries from the waitlist to enrolled status are due to attrition, the availability and amount of services a beneficiary may need, and funding limits.

⁴ Enrollment information for Nursing Home Transition is provided for the Department of Elder Affairs as of September 2010, and the Department of Children and Families as of December 2010.

AGED AND DISABLED ADULT SERVICES (continued)				
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost per Beneficiary ⁵	DOEA	Average Monthly Cost \$ 779.43	FY 2009-10 Expenditures \$ 83,718,946.00	FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months 107,410
	DCF	Average Monthly Cost \$ 1,283.04	FY 2009-10 Expenditures \$ 13,595,053.00	FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months 10,596
	AHCA	Average Monthly Cost \$ 19,632.37	FY 2009-10 Expenditures \$ 9,109,419.00	FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months 464
Type of Reimbursement	Fee-for-Service: Florida Medicaid-approved rate or the provider's customary fee, whichever is lower.			

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⁵ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

	ADULT D	AY HEALTH CARE			
Counties Served	Lee and Palm Beach counties				
Year Implemented	2004				
Waiver Eligibility	be Medicaid eligiblemeet nursing home lev	Individual must • be age 60 or older and live with a caregiver			
Services Provided	All services are provided within an Adult Day Health Care facility and include assistance with daily living activities case management counseling health care monitoring intake and assessment medical direction medication management nutritionally balanced meals/snacks personal care assistance therapeutic social and recreational activities therapies: occupational, physical, speech transportation				
Operational Entity	Department of Elder Affairs				
Enrollment and Waitlist ²	Enrollment: 24 Waitlist: None				
Total Waiver-Approved Enrollment	150				
2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation \$ 1,946,858	<u>Federal Funds</u> \$ 1,198,097	<u>State Funds</u> \$ 748,761		
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost per Beneficiary ³	Average Monthly Cost \$ 1,374.10	FY 2009-10 Expenditures \$ 392,992.00	FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months 286		
Type of Reimbursement	Contracted negotiated rate	based on either a half-day or	full-day stay.		

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² All enrollment and waitlist information is provided as of December 2010.

³ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

	ASSISTED LIVING FOR THE ELDERLY
Counties Served	Statewide
Year Implemented	1995
Waiver Eligibility	 Individual must be age 65 or older or age 60 to 64 and be determined disabled by the Social Security Administration be Medicaid eligible meet nursing home level of care¹ reside in an assisted living facility meet one or more of the following: require assistance with four or more activities of daily living (ADLs), three ADLs plus supervision or administration of medication, or total help with one or more ADLs² have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other dementia and need assistance with two or more ADLs have a diagnosed degenerative or chronic medical condition requiring nursing services that cannot be provided in a standard assisted living facility but are available in an assisted living facility that is licensed for limited nursing or extended congregate care be a Medicaid-eligible beneficiary who meets assisted living facility criteria be awaiting discharge from a nursing facility and unable to return to a private residence because o a need for supervision, personal care, and/or periodic nursing services
Services Provided ³	All services are provided within an assisted living facility and include - case management - incontinence supplies - expanded assisted living services which may include the following: - attendant call system - attendant care - behavior management - chore services - companion services - homemaker - intermittent nursing - personal care - medication administration (within the assisted living facility license) - specialized medical equipment and supplies - therapeutic social and recreational activities - therapies: occupational, physical, and speech
Operational Entity	Department of Elder Affairs
Enrollment and Waitlist⁴	Enrollment: 2,919 Waitlist: 688
Nursing Home Transition Enrollment	Enrollment: 122
Total Waiver-Approved Enrollment	5,630
2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation Federal Funds State Funds \$ 35,083,803 \$ 21,590,572 \$ 13,493,231
Nursing Home Transition 2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation Federal Funds State Funds \$ 1,073,304.00 \$ 660,511.00 \$ 412,793.00
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost per Beneficiary ⁵	Average Monthly Cost FY 2009-10 Expenditures FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months \$ 858.11 \$ 29,873,289.00 34,813
Type of Reimbursement	Mixed: Medicaid reimburses for assisted living services at a daily rate and case management services at a monthly rate. Medicaid reimburses incontinence supplies separately, on a monthly basis, based on use.

¹ The Department of Elder Affairs determines that a beneficiary meets the medical and functional eligibility for Medicaid nursing home care.

 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ Examples of activities of daily living are cooking, cleaning, grooming, and bathing.

³ This waiver is designed to provide extra support to frail elders residing in assisted living facilities in an effort to delay or prevent nursing facility admission.

⁴ All enrollment and waitlist information is provided as December 2010. Delays in moving beneficiaries from the waitlist to enrolled status are due to attrition, availability and amount of services a beneficiary may need, and funding limits.

⁵ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

	CHANNELING FOR THE FRAIL ELDER			
Counties Served	Miami-Dade and Broward counties			
Year Implemented	1985			
Waiver Eligibility	Individual must • be age 65 or older • be Medicaid eligible • meet nursing home level of care ¹ • have two or more unmet long-term care services needs • reside in home or with a caregiver in Miami-Dade or Broward counties • have a cost of care that does not exceed 85% of the Medicaid nursing home payment in Broward or Miami-Dade counties			
Services Provided	 adult day health care adult companion case management chore services counseling (in-home) environmental accessibility adaptations family training financial assessment and risk reduction home health aide personal care personal emergency response system respite care skilled nursing special drug and nutritional assessment services special home delivered meals special medical equipment and supplies therapies: occupational, physical, speech 			
Operational Entity	Department of Elder Affairs			
Enrollment and Waitlist ²	Enrollment: 1,233 Waitlist: None			
Total Waiver-Approved Enrollment	1,825			
2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation Federal Funds State Funds \$ 14,700,762 \$ 9,046,849 \$ 5,653,913			
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost per Beneficiary ³	Average Monthly Cost FY 2009-10 Expenditures FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months \$ 1,157.20 \$ 14,827,207.00 12,813			
Type of Reimbursement	Contracted negotiated per person daily rate with the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.			

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² All enrollment and waitlist information is provided as of December 2010. Delays in moving beneficiaries from the waitlist to enrolled status are due to attrition, the availability and amount of services a beneficiary may need, and funding limits.

³ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

	NURSING HOME DIVERSION
Counties Served ¹	40 counties: Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, DeSoto, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Nassau, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, Volusia, Walton
Year Implemented	1998
Waiver Eligibility	Individual must • be age 65 or older • be Medicaid eligible • be Medicare Parts A and B eligible • meet nursing home level of care ² • reside in own home, in their caregiver's home, or in an assisted living facility • meet one or more of the following: • require some help with five or more activities of daily living (ADLs); • require some help with four or more ADLs plus require supervision or assistance with administration of medication; • require total help with two or more ADLs; • have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or dementia and require some help with three or more ADLs; or
	 have a diagnosis of a degenerative chronic condition requiring daily nursing services
Services Provided	 Acute Medical Services community mental health dental hearing and visual (optional) independent laboratory and x ray inpatient hospital outpatient hospital/emergency physicians prescribed drugs easisted living case management chore services consumable medical supplies environmental accessibility adaptations escort services family training financial assessment and risk reduction home health care home health care homemaker nutritional assessment and risk reduction personal care personal emergency response system respite care therapies: occupational, physical and speech nursing facility services/long-term care transportation (optional) Some plans offer additional optional services. The Department of Elder Affairs' website
	(www.elderaffairs.state.fl.us/english/longtermcare diversion.php) includes a list of providers, their contacts, and links to their websites.
Operational Entity	Department of Elder Affairs
Enrollment and Waitlist ³	Enrollment: 21,031 Waitlist: 6,583

¹ The 2010 Legislature authorized the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Elder Affairs to expand Nursing Home Diversion to all 67 counties; however, it is not operational in 27 counties because no providers have contracted to provide services in these counties.

² The Department of Elder Affairs determines that a beneficiary meets the medical and functional eligibility for Medicaid nursing home care.

³ All enrollment information is provided as of November 2010 and waitlist information is provided as of December 2010. In the absence of legislative authority to seek federal approval to increase waiver enrollment, the Department of Elder Affairs will reduce program enrollment to the approved level through natural attrition.

NURSING HOME DIVERSION (continued)				
Nursing Home Transition Enrollment	Enrollment: 592			
Total Waiver-Approved Enrollment	17,065			
2010-11 Funding ⁴	Total Appropriation \$ 347,264,698.00	<u>Federal Funds</u> \$ 214,088,474.00	<u>State Funds</u> \$ 133,796,598.00	
Nursing Home Transition 2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation \$ 4,547,328.00	<u>Federal Funds</u> \$ 2,798,426.00	<u>State Funds</u> \$ 1,748,902.00	
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost per Beneficiary ⁵	Average Monthly Cost \$ 1,511.27	FY 2009-10 Expenditures \$ 309,950,010.00	FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months 205,093	
Type of Reimbursement	Capitated risk-adjusted monthly rate that varies by plan and county. 6			

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⁴ The Nursing Home Diversion appropriation includes \$9,960,079 for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

⁵ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

⁶ The Department of Elder Affairs risk adjusts base rates using several factors including level of assistance needed with activities of daily living, instrumental activities of daily living, the presence of specific chronic conditions, and level of cognitive impairment.

	ADULT (CYSTIC FIBROSIS		
Counties Served	Statewide			
Year Implemented	2005			
Waiver Eligibility	Individual must			
	be age 18 or older			
	be Medicaid eligible			
	have a diagnosis of cys			
Services Provided	meet Inpatient hospital	level of care ²		
Services Provided	acupuncturecase management			
	chore services			
	 counseling (individual a 	and family)		
	dental			
	 homemaker 			
	 nutritional assessment 	and risk reduction		
	 personal care 			
	 personal emergency re 	sponse service		
	prescribed drugs respite ears			
	respite careskilled nursing			
	skilled harsing specialized medical equipment and supplies			
	therapies: exercise, massage, physical, and respiratory			
	• transportation			
	 vitamins and nutritional 	supplements		
Operational Entity	Department of Health			
Enrollment and Waitlist ³	Enrollment: 92			
	Waitlist: 21			
Total Waiver-Approved Enrollment	100			
2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation	Federal Funds	State Funds	
	\$ 1,709,870	\$ 1,156,557	\$ 553,313	
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost	Average Monthly Cost	FY 2009-10 Expenditures	FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months	
per Beneficiary ⁴	\$ 381.19	\$ 409,777.00	1,075	
Type of Poimburgement	Fac for Carvica: Florida M.		provider's customary fee, whichever is lower.	
Type of Reimbursement	ree-ioi-beivice. Fiorida IVI	eulcalu-approved rate of the p	provider a cuatornary ree, whichever is lower.	

¹ Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease that primarily affects a person's lungs and digestive system and is chronic, progressive, and terminal.

² The Department of Elder Affairs determines that a beneficiary meets the medical and functional eligibility for inpatient hospitalization.

³ All enrollment and waitlist information is provided as of December 2010.

⁴ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

	FAMILIAL DYSAUTONOMIA			
Counties Served	Statewide			
Year Implemented	2007			
Waiver Eligibility	Individual must • be age three or older • be Medicaid eligible • have a diagnosis of familial dysautonomia ¹ • meet inpatient hospital level of care ²			
Services Provided	behavioral services consumable medical supplies dental durable medical equipment non-residential support respite care support coordination			
Operational Entity	Agency for Health Care Administration			
Enrollment and Waitlist ³	Enrollment: 8 Waitlist: None			
Total Waiver-Approved Enrollment	20			
2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation Federal Funds State Funds \$ 418,000 \$ 270,948 \$ 147,052			
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost per Beneficiary ⁴	Average Monthly Cost FY 2009-10 Expenditures FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months \$ 161.59 \$ 11,311.00 70			
Type of Reimbursement	Fee-for-Service: Florida Medicaid-approved rate or the provider's customary fee, whichever is lower.			

¹ Also known as Riley-Day syndrome, this is a genetic disease that results in incomplete development of the nervous system.

² The Department of Elder Affairs determines that a beneficiary meets the medical and functional eligibility for inpatient hospitalization.

³ All enrollment and waitlist information is provided as of December 2010.

⁴ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

	PROJE	ECT AIDS CARE		
Counties Served	Statewide			
Year Implemented	1991			
Waiver Eligibility	Individual must • be Medicaid eligible • have a diagnosis of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) documented by a physician • have an AIDS related opportunistic infection • be at-risk of hospitalization or institutionalization in a skilled nursing facility • be determined disabled according to the Social Security Administration • not be enrolled in a Medicaid health maintenance organization unless residing in the Medicaid Reform			
Services Provided	areas case management chore services day health care education and support environmental accessibility adaptations home-delivered meals homemaker personal care restorative massage skilled nursing specialized medical equipment and supplies specialized personal care services for children in foster care therapeutic management of substance abuse			
	The Project AIDS Care case manager, in consultation with the beneficiary and a registered nurse care manager, develops a plan of care and authorize services.			
Operational Entity	Agency for Health Care Ad			
Enrollment and Waitlist ¹	Enrollment: 5,154 Waitlist: None			
Total Waiver-Approved Enrollment	5,900			
2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation \$ 8,691,460	<u>Federal Funds</u> \$ 5,633,804.37	<u>State Funds</u> \$ 3,057,655.63	
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost per Beneficiary ²	Average Monthly Cost \$ 148.22	FY 2009-10 Expenditures \$ 8,678,108.00	FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months 58,550	
Type of Reimbursement			nt at a monthly fixed rate per beneficiary and all rate or the provider's customary fee, whichever	

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ All enrollment and waitlist information is provided as of December 2010.

² Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

TR	AUMATIC BRAIN	AND SPINAL COR	RD INJURY	
Counties Served	Statewide			
Year Implemented	1999			
Waiver Eligibility	 Individual must be age 18 or older be Medicaid eligible have one of the injuries described below traumatic brain injury, defined as an insult to the skull, brain, or its covering from external trauma, which produces an altered state of consciousness or anatomic, motor, sensory, or cognitive/behavioral deficits spinal cord injury, defined as a lesion to the spinal cord or cauda equina resulting from external trauma with evidence of significant involvement of two of the following: motor deficit, sensory deficit, or bowel and bladder dysfunction. 			
		s Brain and Spinal Cord Injury	y Program's central registry in accordance with	
Services Provided	s. 381.75, Florida Statutes. adaptive health and wellness assistive technologies attendant care behavioral programming adult companion consumable medical supplies counseling (personal adjustment) environmental accessibility adaptations life skills training personal care rehabilitation engineering evaluation			
Operational Entity	support coordination Department of Health			
Enrollment and Waitlist ²	Enrollment: 309 Waitlist: 600			
Nursing Home Transition Enrollment	Enrollment: 32			
Total Waiver-Approved Enrollment	375			
2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation Federal Funds State Funds \$ 11,697,343 \$ 7,912,083 \$ 3,785,260			
Nursing Home Transition 2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation \$ 642,039	Federal Funds \$ 434,275	<u>State Funds</u> \$ 207,764	
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost per Beneficiary ³	Average Monthly Cost \$ 2,597.28	FY 2009-10 Expenditures \$ 9,885,233.00	FY 2009-10 Enrollee Months 3,806	
Type of Reimbursement	Fee-for-Service: Florida M	edicaid-approved rate or the p	provider's customary fee, whichever is lower.	

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² All enrollment and waitlist information is provided as of December 2010. Delays in moving beneficiaries from the waitlist to enrolled status are due to attrition, the availability and amount of services a beneficiary may need, and funding limits.

³ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

MODEL WAIVER PROGRAM				
Counties Served	Statewide			
Year Implemented	1991			
Waiver Eligibility	Individual must • be age 20 or younger • be Medicaid eligible • be determined disabled according to the Social Security Administration • diagnosed with a degenerative spinocerebellar disease ¹ • meet inpatient hospital level of care ²			
Services Provided	 assistive technology 	 assistive technology environmental accessibility adaptations respite care 		
Operational Entity	Agency for Health Care Administration			
Enrollment and Waitlist ³	Enrollment: 5 Waitlist: 1			
Total Waiver-Approved Enrollment	5			
2010-11 Funding	Total Appropriation \$ 30,680	Federal Funds \$ 19,887	State Funds \$ 10,793	
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost per Beneficiary ⁴	Average Monthly Cost \$ 626.12	FY 2008-09 Expenditures \$ 30,680.00	FY 2008-09 Enrollee Months 49	
Type of Reimbursement	Fee-for-Service: Florida M	edicaid-approved rate or the p	provider's customary fee, whichever is lower.	

¹ This is a group of rare genetic disorders which affect the brain and nervous system.

² The Department of Elder Affairs determines that a beneficiary meets the medical and functional eligibility for inpatient hospitalization.

³ All enrollment and waitlist information is provided as of December 2010.

⁴ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

FLORIDA'S DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MEDICAID HCBS WAIVERS

Counties Served	DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TIER 1 Statewide			
	Statewide			
Year Implemented	<u>Tier 1</u> <u>Tier 2</u> <u>Tier 3</u> <u>Tier 4</u> 1985 2008 2008 1998			
	To implement Ch. 2007-64, <i>Laws of Florida</i> , the Agency for Persons with Disabilities created a four-tier waiver system in 2008. This system comprises four waivers: two new waivers that define Tiers 2 and 3 with the existing Developmental Disabilities and Family and Supported Living waivers, implemented in 1985 and 1998, respectively. Each tier has specific need criteria that determine the tier under which beneficiaries will be served. In addition, each tier has an annual per-client spending limit.			
Waiver Eligibility ²	All Individuals must	ency for Persons with Disabilities or its contractor		
	 Tier 1 must have intensive medical, behavioral, Tier 2 must live in a licensed residential facility residential habilitation or reside in supported livi of in-home support. Tier 3 must not meet criteria for Tiers 1 or 2. 	 Tier 1 must have intensive medical, behavioral, or adaptive needs. Tier 2 must live in a licensed residential facility and require greater than five hours a day of residential habilitation or reside in supported living arrangements and receive more than six hours of in-home support. Tier 3 must not meet criteria for Tiers 1 or 2. 		
■ Tier 4 must live in their family home, foster home, or own home.				
Services Provided	Tier 1, 2, and 3 adult day training adult dental behavior analysis behavior assistant companion dietician services environmental accessibility adaptations in-home support medication review personal care personal emergency response system private duty nursing residential habilitation residential nursing respite care skilled nursing special medical home care specialized medical equipment and supplies specialized mental health services support coordination supported employment supported living coaching therapies: occupational, physical, respiratory, special ransportation	Tier 4 adult day training behavior analysis behavior assistant environmental accessibility adaptations in-home support personal emergency response system respite care specialized medical equipment and supp support coordination supported living coaching supported employment transportation		

¹ The Agency for Persons with Disabilities assigns a beneficiary to a tier based on a needs assessment which determines the beneficiary's service needs, risk level, and the spending needed per year to address the beneficiary's needs.

² For information on additional requirements based on age, living arrangements, exceptional behavioral problems, and authorization for certain services see *Rule* 65G-4.0021-0025, *Florida Administrative Code.*

FLORIDA'S DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MEDICAID HCBS WAIVERS

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TIER 1, 2, 3, and 4 (continued)			
Operational Entity	Agency for Persons with Disabilities		
Enrollment and Waitlist ³	Total Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3 Tier 4 nrollment 29,998 4,507 3,942 5,507 11,37 Waitlist 19,354	<u></u>	
Annual Maximum Allowable Spending Per Beneficiary ^{5,6} 2010-11 Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 Funding	Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3 Tier 4 \$150,000 \$53,625 \$34,125 \$14,422 Total Appropriation \$ 805,826,618 Federal Funds \$ 495,946,457 State Funds \$ 309,880,161		
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost Per Beneficiary for TIER 1, 2, and 3 ⁷		Y 2008-09 Enrollee Months 211,693	
2009-10 Average Monthly Cost Per Beneficiary for TIER 4 ⁸	\$ 692.16 \$ 99,081,272.00 1	Y 2008-09 Enrollee Months 43,148	
Type of Reimbursement	Fee-for-Service: Based on rates approved by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Agency for Health Care Administration and incorporated into rule.		

³ All enrollment and waitlist information provided as of October 2010. All tiers share one waitlist and beneficiaries are placed in the appropriate tier based on a needs assessment that determines the individual's needs, risk level, and the spending needed per year to address the beneficiary's needs.

⁴ These beneficiaries are receiving services and are awaiting a tier placement based on a needs assessment that determines the individual's needs, risk level, and the spending needed per year to address the beneficiary's needs.

⁵ Effective January 1, 2011, tier cap reductions of 2.5% are required to be implemented, including the new annual maximum allowable spending per beneficiary for Tier 1. The Agency for Health Care Administration is seeking guidance from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare regarding the mechanism to use to implement the Tier 1 cap.

⁶ The Agency for Health Care Administration has submitted an application for the IBudget Florida waiver and is currently awaiting approval. The IBudget Florida Program will replace the current tier system and will be a new waiver that provides individual consumer budgets for services, and greater choice and flexibility in service selection. It will also refocus the waiver support coordinator's role on supporting self-direction and obtaining additional community supports to augment waiver paid supports and provide tools and resources to help consumers and families control their budgets. This program is currently being tested in Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla counties.

⁷ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures of Tiers 1, 2, and 3 by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

⁸ Average monthly cost per beneficiary was calculated by dividing total Fiscal Year 2009-10 expenditures of Tier 4 by total number of enrollee months. Total expenditures reflect claims paid through November 2010.

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