



House Committee on Human Services

Department of Aging and Disability Services

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Overview of Services and Programs

- The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) provides long-term services and supports to a wide range of individuals:
 - Individuals with physical disabilities
 - Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Individuals age 60 and older, their family members and other caregivers, who are eligible for services under the Older Americans Act
- DADS provides residential services for persons in the state's 13 state supported living centers.
- DADS contracts with providers of community-based services for residential and in-home services.
- DADS regulates licensed residential and non-residential long term services and supports providers.

DADS Organization

- DADS is organized into three main functional areas:
 - State Supported Living Centers
 - Access and Intake
 - Area agencies on aging
 - Local intellectual and developmental disability authorities
 - Guardianship services
 - Contracts for long-term services and supports in the community
 - Regulatory Services
 - Licensing facilities and agencies
 - Survey and certification of facilities and agencies
 - Regulatory enforcement of facilities and agencies

Residential Services

- Nursing facilities (NFs)
- Assisted living facilities (ALFs)
- Intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ICFs/IID)
- State supported living centers (SSLCs)

State Supported Living Centers

- DADS operates state supported living centers (SSLCs), which are certified as providers of Medicaid-funded services in the ICF/IID program.
- SSLCs provide residential services and supports for approximately 3,380 persons with intellectual disabilities at 13 locations:
 - Abilene
 - Austin
 - Brenham
 - Corpus Christi
 - Denton
 - El Paso
 - Lubbock
 - Lufkin
 - Mexia
 - Richmond
 - Rio Grande*
 - San Angelo
 - San Antonio

DADS Medicaid Community Services Waivers

- Medicaid home and community-based services waiver programs administered by DADS:
 - Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
 - Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
 - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
 - Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
 - Texas Home Living (TxHmL)
- An individual can be enrolled in only one 1915 (c) waiver program. Legislative appropriations determine the availability of waiver services.

Other Services

- Community Services and Supports (Title XX Block Grant)
- Older Americans Act funding
- State funded services
- Guardianship

Regulatory Services

- DADS is responsible for regulating the following long-term services and supports providers*:
 - Nursing facilities – 1,221 (licensure and certification)
 - Intermediate care facilities – 863 (licensure and certification)
 - Assisted living facilities – 1,763 (licensure)
 - Adult day care facilities – 480 (licensure)
 - Home health and hospice agencies – 6,363 (licensure and certification)
 - Home and Community-based Services waiver providers – 761
 - Texas Home Living waiver providers – 370
 - Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers – 0 (new provider type)

*As of 8/25/14

Balancing Incentive Program

Balancing Incentive Program (BIP)

- 2% enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) through September 2015 to increase access to community-based long-term services and supports.
- By September 30, 2015, the state must implement:
 - a “no wrong door” eligibility and enrollment system;
 - core standardized assessment instruments; and
 - conflict-free case management activities.
- By October 2015, the state must spend more than 50% of Medicaid long-term services and supports funds on community-based services.

BIP – Funded Initiatives

- “No Wrong Door” eligibility and enrollment systems:
 - Aging and disability resource center (ADRC) statewide expansion
 - Toll-free number to assist individuals with information about and access to services
 - Integration of a basic screen into the Your Texas Benefits self-service web portal that will direct individuals to the “front doors” for the services that best meet their needs
- Core standardized assessment instrument:
 - Enhancements to long-term services and supports assessment instruments
 - Development of a new IDD assessment and resource allocation process

BIP – Funded Initiatives (cont.)

- Community services:
 - Funding for additional community-based waiver slots for interest list reduction
 - Funding for community-based waiver slots through the state's Promoting Independence initiative
 - Funding for Community First Choice, a new attendant and habilitation services program
- Other activities to increase access to community-based services:
 - Direct service worker base wage increases to improve recruitment and increase retention
 - Expansion of the use of electronic health records at SSLCs to assist in transition planning for individuals choosing community transition