

Waiver for Structured Family Caregiving (SFCG) April 26, 2024 hcbs@dhcfp.nv.gov

Background

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) provide opportunities for individuals to receive services in their own home or community rather than institutions or other isolated settings. Currently, Nevada Medicaid 1915(c) Waiver programs serve a variety of targeted populations, such as individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, and the frail elderly.

Introduction

During the Nevada 82nd Legislative session, <u>Assembly Bill 208</u> was passed to develop a new 1915(c) Waiver specifically for Structured Family Caregiving. The new waiver is targeted to Medicaid recipients diagnosed with Dementia.

As required in AB208, the SFCG waiver services include, but are not limited to:

- Case Management
- Personal Care Services
- Respite Services
- Homemaker
- Health-Related Services, including, without limitation, home health aide services.

Who is eligible for the SFCG Waiver Program?

- Must have a diagnosis of Dementia
- Must meet nursing facility Level of Care (LOC)
- Must meet financial eligibility

Who can provide SFCG Waiver Services?

- Recipient may choose their caregiver to include Legally Responsible Individual (LRI) who lives with the recipient as a paid caregiver, family member, or any individuals of their choosing
- Caregiver must be residing full time in the recipient's home or vice versa
- The caregiver must be enrolled with a provider agency
- There can only be one primary caregiver

Next Step

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy will submit the new SFCG Waiver application to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in August 2024 for review and approval for a January 1, 2025 effective date. The Division will seek 30 days of Public Comment. In addition, the Division will also host a second Public Workshop to allow stakeholders to provide feedback and comments on the draft Waiver application prior to submission to CMS.

For Questions and Comments

For more information or questions regarding this new waiver, please contact hcbs@dhcp.nv.gov.