Purpose of Study

• “To develop a proposal to allow the state Medicaid program to reimburse an individual who provides personal care services that constitute extraordinary care to an individual’s family member who is enrolled in a existing waiver in the state.”

• Explore options to relieve financial stress associated with uncompensated care
Services Impacted

- Focus is on Activities of Daily Living (ADL’s) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL’s)
- Greatest impact will be on personal care services and supported living
- Other services to consider will be attendant care services, homemaking, and activities of a similar nature
Extraordinary Care

- **Federal Definition**
  - “Care exceeding the range of activities that a legally responsible individual would ordinarily perform in a household on behalf of a person without a disability or a chronic illness of the same age, and which are necessary to assure the health and welfare of the participant and avoid institutionalization.”
  - Broad definition allows for states to decide how rigid/loose they want the definition to be
  - Many states have chosen to include further limitations
Additional State Guidance

• Pennsylvania
  • Service that is beyond what a legally responsible adult is obligated to provide, otherwise, service must be conducted by a provider enrolled through traditional means

• Minnesota
  • Use of developmental milestones charts

• Kansas
  • No legally responsible adult will be paid unless one of four points are met
Reimbursement Caps

- Vary across the nation
- Some places limit wage (weekly/monthly) while others focus on the number of hours an individual can work (weekly/monthly)
- Most common method to pay caregivers is using a simple hourly wage
  - Ranges anywhere from $10.75-$20.75 an hour
Stakeholder Feedback

• Extensive stakeholder feedback has been included in the draft report
  • Points of focus include: access to services/providers, types of services an individual needs/utilizes, impact of caregiver compensation on the individual receiving services, risks to caregivers and individuals receiving services, definition of “extraordinary care”, and limitations that should be placed on a compensation program
Additional Considerations

• “Welcome Mat” Effect
• Strategies to minimize Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation and Fraud/Waste/Abuse
• Documentation revisions
• Caregiver burnout
• Policy implementation has a cost
Conclusion

Thank you for your time!
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