



LTSS Trust Commission Meeting

July 10, 2024



Meeting Guidelines

Commission Members

- Please turn on video
- Stay muted unless talking
- Encourage active participation
- Raise hand to speak if necessary

Audience Members

- Opportunity to provide public comment later in the meeting

**WELCOME &
CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting Goals

- Listen to Understand Respectfully
- Approve Consent Agenda
- Receive Finance Update
- Report out and vote on Third Option for Paying Family Caregivers
- Report out from Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup
- Report out from Provider Payment Maximums Workgroup
- Report out from Contingency Planning Workgroup

Approve Consent Agenda

- 5/1/2024 Commission meeting minutes

WA Cares Fund Program Refresh

Andrea Meewes Sanchez, DSHS

WA Cares Fund Program Refresh

Program timeline

2014

Research on policy options for long-term care

2019

Legislature passes LTSS Trust Act & governor signs into law

2021

Legislature improves coverage for adults with disabilities that onset prior to age 18

2022

Legislature adds pathway to partial benefits for near-retirees; establishes voluntary exemptions for certain groups

2023

July 1
Workers begin contributing

2024

Legislature makes benefits portable

2026

July 1
Benefits become available for qualified, eligible individuals

WA Cares Fund Program Refresh

Key program details per current statute (RCW 50B.04):

- **Premium rate** - \$0.58 cents for every \$100 earned
- **Lifetime benefit maximum** –\$36,500, adjusted annually up to inflation, paid directly to providers
- **Three pathways to qualified individual status**
 - Contribute 10 years without interruption of five or more consecutive years
 - Contribute 3 of the last 6 years from the date of application for benefits
 - For near-retirees (born before 1968): contribute at least one year, earning one-tenth of the lifetime benefit amount for each year contributed

A person must work 500 hours during a year to receive credit for a qualifying year

- **Eligible beneficiary**
 - A qualified individual who requires assistance with at least 3 activities of daily living (i.e., bathing, eating, ambulation, medication management, toilet use, transfer, etc.)
 - You can take your benefit with you if you leave the state

Finance Update

Luke Masselink, OSA

Ibrahim Dembele, ESD

Finance Update: Monitoring Early Experience

Presentation to: LTSS Trust Commission

Luke Masselink, Senior Actuary



Finance Update: Monitoring Early Experience

- As part of the Risk Management Framework (RMF), Phase 1 is largely focused on data collection, monitoring, and updating actuarial projections
- Actual experience will be used in future actuarial projections
- When comparing actual to assumed data, sustained deviations or significant short-term deviations could have long-term impacts
 - Depending on the source of the deviation, it could take years before there is sufficient credible experience to modify assumptions based on actual experience
 - This is consistent with Phase 1 of the RMF
- In the meantime, OSA and Milliman will be monitoring emerging experience and reporting on any impacts to long-term fund solvency

Questions? Please Contact: The Office of the State Actuary

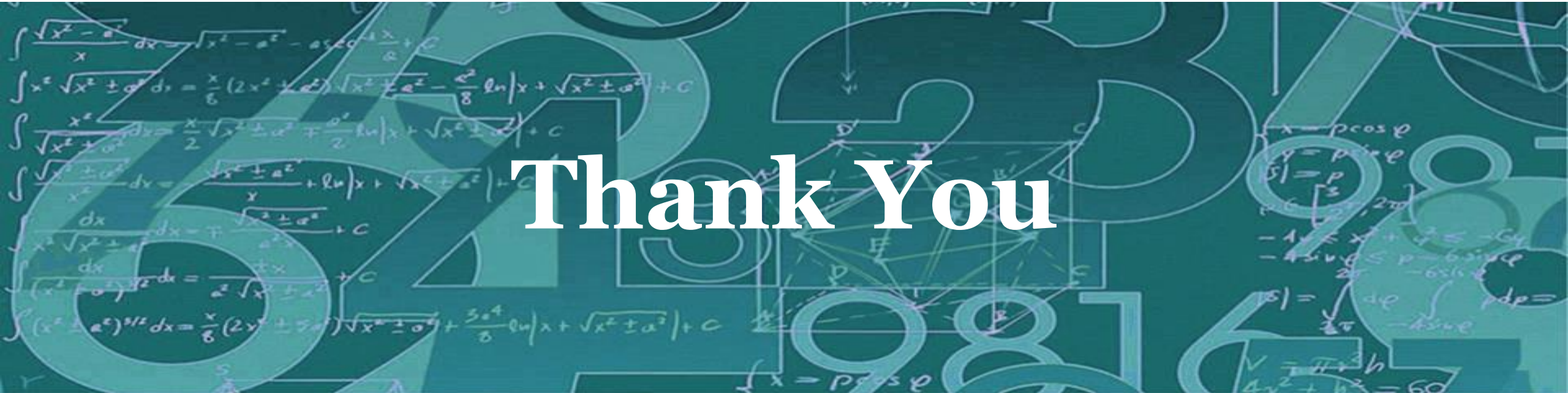
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Finance Update

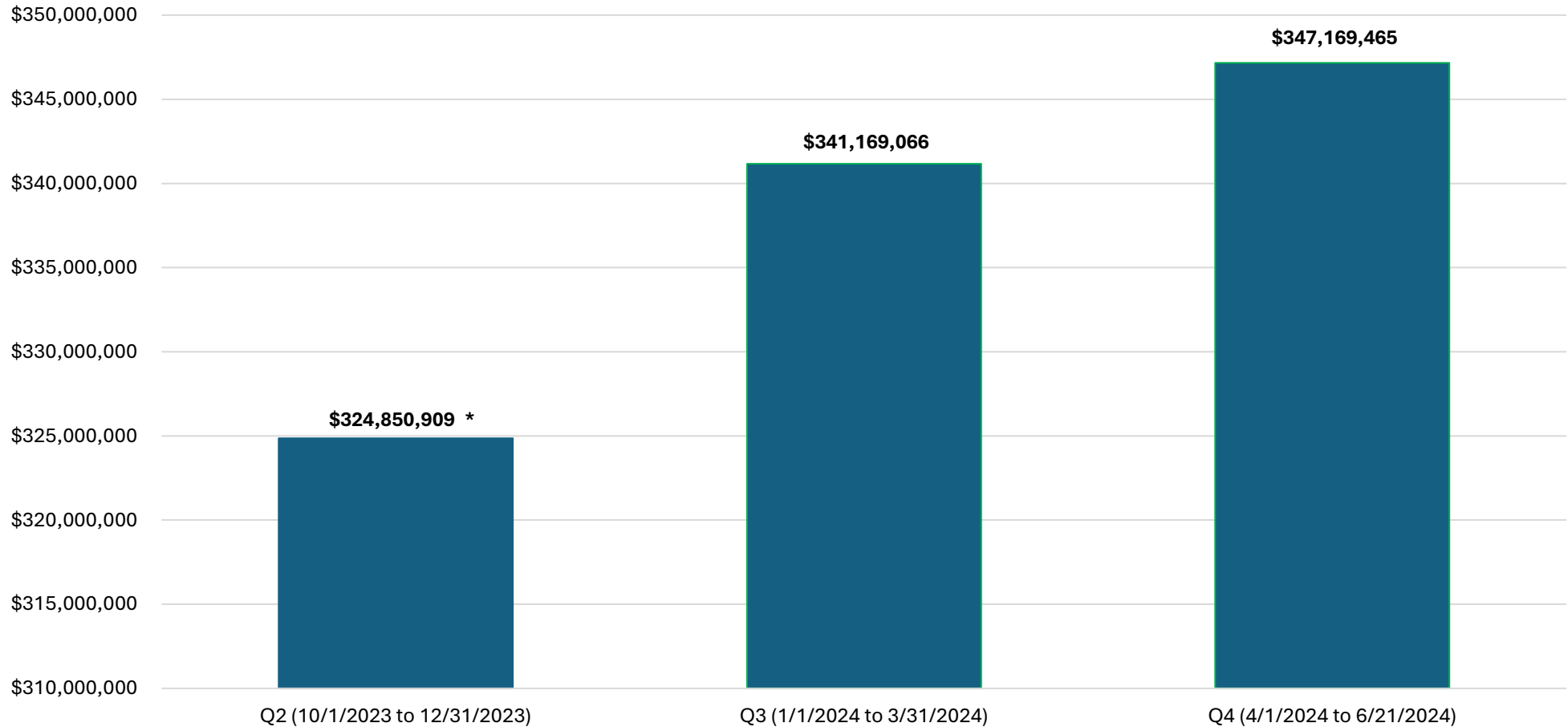
Ibrahim Dembele, Employment Security Department Treasury Director



Quarterly Finance Update

- **Premium Payments received from 4/1/2024 – 6/21/2024: \$347.2 million**
- **Account transfers and retention since 4/1/2024**
 - \$347.2 million transferred to State Investment Board
 - \$1.56 million transferred to General Fund to complete Loan Payoff
 - \$12.1 million retained for FY24 budget appropriations and safety margin
- **WA Cares Fund Balance on 6/21/2024: \$16,849,726**

FY24 Quarterly Premiums Collected



* Includes \$62,542 collected in FY24-Q1

Information in the slide as of June 21, 2024

Cumulative transfers and retention

- General Fund loan repayment: **\$65,840,814**
- Total transfers to State Investment Board: **\$927,767,032**
- Retained for FY24 budget appropriations and safety margin: **\$12,063,478**
- Fund Balance on June 21st, 2024: **\$16,849,726**

Report out and vote on Third Option for Paying Family Caregivers

Andrea Meewes Sanchez, DSHS
Commissioner

Third Option for Paying Family Caregivers

- [RCW 50B.04.070](#) (2) Qualified family members may be paid for approved personal care services in the same way as individual providers, through a licensed home care agency, or through a third option if recommended by the commission and adopted by the department of social and health services.
- The Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup has met and developed their recommendation.
- The workgroup considered the unique needs of caregivers providing care, the existing infrastructure, and the opportunities for development of a new pathway.

Third Option for Paying Family Caregivers

Proposed recommendation for third option for paying family caregivers:

- The Department of Social and Health services will define a third option for paying qualified family members through the rulemaking process.

Report out from Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Andrea Meewes Sanchez, DSHS

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

- The workgroup has been reviewing viable options for the Commission's recommendation on the establishment of criteria for minimum qualifications for the registration of long-term services and supports providers who provide approved services to eligible beneficiaries.
- The workgroup has come to consensus on all 19 approved services and would like to present their recommendations today.

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult Family Home• Assisted Living• In-Home Personal Care• Nursing Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adaptive Equipment and Technology• Environmental Modifications• Home Delivered Meals• Personal Emergency Response Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult Day Services• Eligible Relative Care• Transportation• Respite for Family Caregivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care Transition Coordination• Dementia Support/Memory Care• Education and Consultation & Services that Assist Paid and Unpaid Family Members• Home Safety Evaluation• Professional Services

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Adult Family Homes

An Adult Family Home is a home-like residential setting where two to eight adults live and receive personal care, special care, room, and board.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional license
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Assisted Living Facility

An Assisted Living Facility is a residential setting where seven or more adults live and receive basic services for their safety and well-being.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional license
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Nursing Home

A Nursing Home is a facility that provides convalescent or chronic care for three or more patients who are not able to independently care for themselves for a period of more than 24 consecutive hours.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional license
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

In-Home Personal Care - Home Care Agency

A Home Care Agency is an in-home service agency that provides nonmedical personal care to individuals who are ill, disabled, or vulnerable so they can remain in their residence.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional license for at least three years
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws
5. Litigation history
6. Have no significant licensing deficiencies in the three-year period before registration
7. Obtain an independent financial audit
8. Use electronic visit verification (EVV)
9. Establish employee conflict of interest policy guidelines, procedures, and safeguards

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

In-Home Personal Care – Individual Provider (IP)

A caregiving option for receiving in-home personal care to hire an Individual Provider (IP). IPs are employed by Washington's Consumer Directed Employer (CDE) agency, and co-managed by the beneficiary. An IP may be someone unrelated or unknown to the beneficiary, or they could be a family member or otherwise known to the beneficiary, such as a friend or neighbor, who agrees to be hired by CDE and provide the care needed.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Be 18 years of age or older and pass a DSHS background check
2. Meet all applicable laws and training requirements

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Adaptive Equipment and Technology

Adaptive Equipment and Technology are assistive devices and items that would increase, maintain, or improve a beneficiary's ability to perform the activities of daily living (ADL) such as, but not limited to eating, bathing, toileting, walking, or to perceive control or communicate within their living environment.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business license and National Provider Identifier (NPI) number (Medical Providers only)
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

A beneficiary may purchase WCF covered items from a retail or online store of their choice and be reimbursed by a Financial Management Services (FMS) vendor contracted by DSHS if beneficiary submits receipt to FMS vendor for covered purchased items.

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Home Delivered Meals

Home delivered meals provides nutritionally balanced meals delivered to the beneficiary's home.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business license, credential, and/or certification
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Personal Emergency Response System

Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) is a service to secure help in an emergency through an electronic device that is either connected to the beneficiary's phone or operates using GSM cellular signals and is programmed to signal a response center that is staffed by trained professionals who will immediately summon help for the beneficiary.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business license, endorsement, credential, and/or certification
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Environmental Modifications

Environmental Modification services provide needed changes such as ramps, stair lifts, and widened doorways for a wheelchair in the home to increase, improve or maintain a beneficiary's health, welfare, safety, and independence.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business license, endorsement, credential, and/or certification
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

A beneficiary may purchase self-installation supplies from a retail or online store of their choice and be reimbursed by a Financial Management Services (FMS) vendor contracted by DSHS if beneficiary submits receipt to FMS vendor for covered purchased items.

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Adult Day Services (Adult Day Health and Adult Day Care)

- **Adult Day Health** centers provide supervised daytime programs including skilled nursing and rehabilitative therapy services, which included PT/OT, to beneficiaries who need assistance throughout the day.
- **Adult Day Care** centers provide supervised daytime programs to support families by providing care and meaningful activities to beneficiaries who need assistance or supervision throughout the day.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business license
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Eligible Relative Care

A beneficiary's relative, including a spouse or registered domestic partner, may be hired as a caregiver to provide In-Home Personal Care services to the beneficiary. This is a third option to pay qualified family members for personal care.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Be 18 years of age or older, be a relative to the beneficiary, and pass a DSHS background check
2. Meet all applicable laws and training requirements

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Transportation

Transportation services are to support beneficiaries transporting to and from the grocery store, medical appointments, social services, and recreational activities.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business license, endorsement, credential, and/or certification
2. Be 18 years of age or older and pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

A beneficiary may turn in receipts for an approved transportation purchase, including transportation provided by a family member, friend, or neighbor, and be reimbursed by a Financial Management Services (FMS) vendor contracted by DSHS if beneficiary submits documentation to FMS vendor for covered purchase.

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Respite for Family Caregivers – Residential Care Settings

Respite Care is a short-term specialty service offered by residential providers that allows family caregivers time for self-care. Respite Care may be provided by an Adult Family Home, Assisted Living Facility, or Nursing Home.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional license
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Respite for Family Caregivers – Adult Day Services

Respite Care is a short-term specialty service offered by Adult Day Service providers that allows family caregivers time for self-care.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business license
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Respite for Family Caregivers – Home Care Agency

Respite Care is a short-term specialty service offered by in-home care providers that allows family caregivers time for self-care. Respite Care may be provided in a beneficiary's home by a Home Care Agency.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional license for at least three years
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws
5. Litigation history
6. Have no significant licensing deficiencies in the three-year period before registration
7. Obtain an independent financial audit
8. Use electronic visit verification (EVV)
9. Establish employee conflict of interest policy guidelines, procedures, and safeguards

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Respite for Family Caregivers – Individual Provider

Respite services will be used to relieve a paid or unpaid family caregiver who is caring for a beneficiary. Its purpose is to provide reprieve to the primary caregiver for a couple of hours up to a couple of weeks, if needed. A fully trained and credentialed Individual Provider (IP), employed with the Consumer Directed Employer, could be hired to provide this service.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Be 18 years of age or older and pass a DSHS background check
2. Meet all applicable laws and training requirements

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Care Transition Coordination

Care Transition Coordination is a specific, time-limited service that complements primary care. It is designed to ensure coordination and health care continuity as beneficiaries return home from an acute care setting like a hospital or skilled nursing facility.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional or business license as applicable
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Dementia Supports

Dementia Supports offers community-based services non-medical support to beneficiaries and their caregivers to improve care for the beneficiary by:

- Helping develop a behavior support plan for the beneficiary; and
- Providing legal services to write a simple will or draft a power of attorney (POA; including durable POA, medical POA, or both).

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional or business license as applicable
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Memory Care

Memory Care is a specialty service provided to beneficiaries with dementia in residential care settings. Memory care may be provided by an Adult Family Home, Assisted Living Facility, or Nursing Home.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional license, endorsement, credential, and/or certification
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Education and Consultation

Beneficiaries and caregivers (including paid and unpaid family members) receive non-medical education, consultation, behavior management and training regarding the beneficiary's diagnoses and chronic health issues aimed at supporting the beneficiary to better manage their activities of daily living and their health and wellness.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business or professional license, endorsement, credential, and/or certification
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Services that Assist Paid and Unpaid Family Members - Housework and Errands

Housework and Errands supports beneficiaries to remain in the community by assisting with these tasks as they relate to health and safety of the beneficiary who may no longer be able to perform such duties. This service should not be used by beneficiaries who are already receiving any kind of in-home personal care as IADLs are included in that service.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business license for at least one year
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws and OSHA's standard of use for cleaning agents

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Services that Assist Paid and Unpaid Family Members – Yardwork and Snow Removal

Yardwork and Snow Removal allow safe egress/entry into the home; reduce potential fire danger; assist the beneficiary to comply with local city/county codes, or other local requirements, such as a Homeowner's Association, or to address violations to remain in their choice of setting.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Operating in the state for at least one year
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Home Safety Evaluation

Home Safety Evaluation offers the assessment of a beneficiary's home by a professional to identify and reduce or eliminate potential hazards to help minimize injury and improve accessibility while in the home.

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a business or professional license, endorsement, credential, and/or certification
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws

Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup

Professional Services (Skilled Nursing, Nurse Delegation, and Private Duty Nursing)

- **Skilled Nursing** is intended for short-term, intermittent treatment of acute conditions or exacerbation of a chronic condition. Skilled nursing is used for treatment of chronic, stable, long-term conditions that cannot be delegated or self-directed.
- **Nurse Delegation** allows an RN to delegate specific skilled nursing tasks to nursing assistants or home care aides for eligible clients who have a skilled nursing task need.
- **Private Duty Nursing** is a program that provides in-home skilled nursing care to individuals who would otherwise be served in a medical institution

Proposed Specific Provider Qualifications:

1. Hold a professional or business license, endorsement, credential, and/or certification as applicable
2. Pass a DSHS background check
3. Hold insurance consistent with WA Cares contract requirements
4. Meet all applicable laws



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Report out from Provider Payment Maximums Workgroup

Andrea Meewes Sanchez, DSHS
Annie Gunnlaugsson, Milliman

Provider Payment Maximums Workgroup

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Provider Payment Maximums Workgroup

- DSHS and Milliman have begun conducting a rates study to inform this work.
- DSHS has started hosting meetings with stakeholders and public open forums to gather feedback on the rates analysis.
- DSHS has been gathering feedback during these sessions to bring forward to the Commission workgroup.

Provider Payment Maximums Workgroup

- When beneficiaries come to WA Cares, DSHS will educate them about the need to plan for their long-term care journey and how WA Cares benefits fit into that.
- DSHS will contract with providers and monitor for fraud.

Workgroup Priorities:

- Incentivizing new provider participation
- Flexibility in choice for consumers to select either low or high-cost providers
- Allowing for rate differences by geography

WA Cares Fund Provider Rate Study Provider Payment Maximums Group 2 Services

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Chris Giese
Annie Gunnlaugsson
Evan Pollock

JULY 10, 2024



Adaptive Equipment and Technology

- Medicaid pays Usual & Customary rates (i.e., the rates the provider usually charges) within ranges below for Adaptive Equipment and Technology.
- For Commercial rates, we focused on gathering the average range of costs for 7 categories of adaptive equipment and technology services provided by DSHS.

Medicaid Rates		Commercial Rates	
Description	Rate Range per Support	Description	Rate Range per Support
Assistive Technology	\$0.01 to \$5,000	Bathroom Equipment	\$15 to \$1,000
Vehicle Modification	\$0.01 to \$10,000	Incontinence	\$10 to \$250
Non-Medical Equipment Supplies	\$0.01 to \$10,000	Mobility Aids	\$100 to \$5,000
DME	\$0.01 to \$15,000	Hospital Beds	\$500 to \$10,000
Overall	\$0.01 to \$15,000	Lifts and Positioning	\$2,500 to \$15,000
		Pressure Relieving Equipment	\$50 to \$300
		Compression Garments	\$25 to \$500
		Overall	\$10 to \$15,000

Environmental Modifications

- Medicaid pays Usual & Customary rates within ranges below for Environmental Modifications.
- For Commercial rates, we focused on gathering the average range of costs for 10 categories of Environmental Modification services provided by DSHS.

Medicaid Rates	
Description	Rate Range per Modification
General Utility / Repairs	\$0.01 to \$60,000
In-Home Residential	\$0.01 to \$40,000
Overall	\$0.01 to \$40,000

Commercial Rates	
Description	Rate Range per Modification
Accessible Bathrooms and Bedrooms	\$100 to \$35,000
Accessible Lighting	\$20 to \$6,000
Automatic Door Openers	\$400 to \$6,000
Ceiling Track Lifts	\$1,500 to \$8,000
Door and Hallway Widening	\$300 to \$40,000
Emergency Exits	\$2,600 to \$5,600
Grab Bars	\$85 to \$500
Ramps	\$1,000 to \$5,000
Low-Pile Carpet and Smooth Flooring	\$100 to \$10,000
Stairlifts and Porch Lifts	\$1,500 to \$6,000
Overall	\$20 to \$40,000

Home Delivered Meals

- Under Medicaid, Home Delivered Meals also include a face-to-face contact (when possible) with the client to monitor their general well-being and safety.
- For Commercial Rates, we also include range of costs for Mail Delivery (which would not include face-to-face contact). The inclusion of this type of service is being discussed in the Minimum Provider Qualifications Workgroup.

Medicaid Rates	
Description	Rate per Meal Serving
Home-delivered Meals	\$8.50

Commercial Rates	
Description	Rate per Meal Serving
Face-to-Face Delivery	\$8 to \$9
Mail Delivery	\$8.50 to \$16
Overall Range	\$8 to \$16

Includes prepared & ready meals from:

- Factor Meals
- Blue Apron
- Cook-unity
- Eat Clean
- Marley Spoon
- Tempo by Home Chef

Personal Emergency Response System

- For commercial rates, our research focuses on “average” range of rates, rather than outlier cases that may cause costs (e.g., installation costs) to be higher.
- Add On Services include fall detection, medication reminder or dispenser, monthly GPS.

Medicaid Rates	
Description	Rate Range per Service
Installation	\$0.01 to \$10,000
Monthly Service	\$0.01 to \$125
Add On Services	\$0.01 to \$125
Overall	\$0.01 to \$10,000

Commercial Rates	
Description	Rate Range per Service
Installation	\$0 to \$99
Monthly Service	\$19 to \$40
Add On Services	\$10 to \$43
Overall	\$0 to \$99

Summary of observed rates for Group 2 services

Medicaid largely pays for Group 2 services based on usual and customary levels.	Service	Medicaid range	Commercial range
	Adaptive equipment and technology	\$0-\$15,000/service	\$0-\$15,000/service
	Environmental modification	\$0-\$40,000/service	\$0-\$40,000/service
	Home delivered meals	\$8.50/meal	\$8-\$16/meal
	Personal emergency response system	\$0-\$10,000 installation + \$0-\$125/month	\$0-\$100 installation + \$10-\$83/month

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Annie Gunnlaugsson, Chris Giese, and Evan Pollock are actuaries for Milliman. They are members of the American Academy of Actuaries, and they meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

Provider Payment Maximums Workgroup

- The workgroup made an initial recommendation for Group 2 Services to be paid at commercial rates (usual and customary) with the max rate for each service category as follows:
 - Adaptive Equipment and Technology: \$15,000
 - Environmental Modifications: \$40,000
 - Home Delivered Meals: \$16 per meal
 - Personal Emergency Response Systems: \$83 monthly service cost and \$100 installation with an exception to rule if needed

Next steps:

- The Commission will be asked to vote on the Group 2 Services rate recommendation during the September 11th LTSS Trust Commission meeting
- Initial recommendations for other services will be presented at the next Commission meeting and voted on in a subsequent meeting.

Report out from Contingency Planning Workgroup

Ben Veghte, DSHS

Contingency Planning Workgroup

- The workgroup will review viable options to mitigate the impacts on WA Cares Fund solvency if participation became voluntary.
- The workgroup was briefed by Milliman on short and long-term risks of voluntary designs. They discussed ways to mitigate risk and examples of risk mitigation strategies.
- The workgroup will vet mitigation options and identify potential options to propose to the full Commission.

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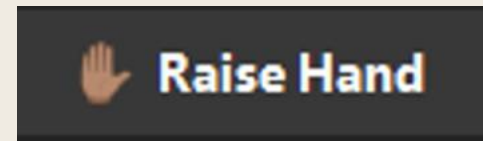
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Review Agenda for September 11 Meeting

- Approve 7/10/2024 Commission meeting minutes
- Receive Program Update
- Receive Finance Update
- Report out and Vote on Minimum Provider Qualification Workgroup
- Report out and Vote on Provider Payment Maximums Workgroup
- Report out from Contingency Planning Workgroup

Wrap Up

- Action items review
- Adjourn

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