

# What is the Medicaid Elderly Waiver Program?



# Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Elderly Waiver Program

- The Elderly Waiver Program provides services and supports to older lowans who are:
  - medically qualified for the level of care provided at a nursing facility (but do not wish to live in a nursing home); and
  - are 65 years of age or older;
  - And eligible for Medicaid

# Elderly Waiver Services

Services are based on an individual's needs and coordinated by a case manager. An Individual Comprehensive Service Plan may include:

## Assistance with:

- Cleaning
- Shopping
- Medication management
- Transportation
- Meals; or
- Other tasks

## Funding for:

- Home modifications (i.e., adding a wheelchair ramp);
- Home-delivered meal service; or
- Personal emergency response system
- Vehicle modifications

# Benefits of the Medicaid Elderly Waiver

Older Iowans can age in environments of their choice that are familiar and comfortable to them.

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Individuals requiring services maintain freedom to decide what type of care they receive and from whom that care is provided.

# Who is Eligible

- Iowa resident and United States citizen (or person with legal entry);
- 65 years of age or older;
- In need of a nursing facility or skilled level of care, as determined by assessment; and
- Eligible for Medicaid

# Medicaid Income Restrictions

- Single applicants:
  - income less than 300% of the federal poverty level (in 2015, this is less than \$2,199/month)
  - Countable asset limit of \$2,000, excluding an applicant's home, car, and certain other items
- A married applicant whose spouse is not applying has increased flexibility, as he or she can allocate some of their income and assets to the non-applicant spouse

# Services the Elderly Waiver Covers

- Adult Day Care
- Assistive Devices
- Assisted Living On-Call
- Case Management
- Chore Services
- Consumer Directed Attendant Care
- Emergency Response System
- Home and Vehicle Modifications
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Health Aide
- Homemaker Services
- Mental Health Outreach
- Nursing Care
- Nutritional Counseling
- Respite
- Senior Companions
- Transportation
- Consumer Choices Option

*Access to these services is available to those who are not Medicaid eligible as well if paid for through other means.*

# For Assistance

For more information on this subject or others related to aging or disability services, please contact:

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