

Options for Implementing Housing with Services

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Assisted Living Waiver

- What is a Medicaid Waiver?
 - “Waives” federal requirements
 - Provides Medicaid funding for services in settings other than nursing facilities
- Settings for the ALW:
 - Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs)
 - Unlicensed public housing sites – with services provided by home health agencies

Assisted Living Waiver

- Reimbursement rates for services:
 - Paid by Medicaid
 - Four tiers based on level of care
 - Range from \$52 to \$82 per day
- Room and board:
 - Paid directly by residents
 - Maximum allowable is \$936/month

Assisted Living Waiver

- Currently in 7 counties:
 - Fresno, LA, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, and San Diego
- Four additional counties approved by CMS:
 - Alameda, Contra Costa, Kern and Sonoma
- Possible continued future expansion:
 - To provide services funding for persons transitioned from SNFs through the CCT program

Assisted Living Waiver

- Current Status:
 - 2,000 active participants
 - Capacity of 3,700 participants for current Waiver year
 - 123 RCFEs, 6 public housing sites
- A nursing home transition model:
 - For each person moving from the community another must move from a SNF
- Is carved out of the duals demonstration

AL Conversion Program (ALCP)

- Provides grant funds to convert eligible properties to:
 - Licensed ALFs
 - Service-Enriched Housing – with services provided a licensed or certified 3rd party provider
- Funds the conversion of resident units, common space and service space
- Converted properties must include space for meals and supportive services
- Does NOT fund services

AL Conversion Program

- Limited funds available
- \$26 million awarded in FY 2012:
 - 11 properties in 9 states
 - Grants ranged from \$1.4 to \$4.1 million
- \$15 million available in FY 2013:
 - Funding opportunity closed 11/18/13

Licensed vs. Unlicensed Settings

- Funds from the ALW and ALCP can be used in licensed RCFEs OR unlicensed housing properties
- Licensed ALFs (RCFEs):
 - Typically all staff employed by same organization although can use a leased approach
 - More regulatory requirements, such as for:
 - Staffing and training
 - Resident and personnel files
 - Incident reports
 - Etc.
 - Admission and discharge requirements
 - No current funding for services in non-ALW counties

Licensed vs. Unlicensed Settings

- Unlicensed housing settings:
 - Utilize a home care / home health agency to provide care
 - In non ALW counties can patch together some services funding (e.g. IHSS, ADHC, meals on wheels)
 - Possible regulatory limits on “clustering” care in non-ALW sites
 - Need to coordinate property and service staff
 - Lower SSI/SSP payment for independent living settings versus licensed facilities



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