

TEXAS MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM WORKSHOP WAIVER HIGHLIGHTS

If you haven't heard, the Waiver Conference was a HUGE success! We had more people than expected (well over 50-we needed more chairs brought into the room!). We may not have understood all the alphabet soup of agencies and programs (DADS, MOA, HCS, CLASS, etc.), but the bottom line was: PUT YOUR CHILD ON EVERY LIST AVAILABLE!

Just because they aren't eligible now doesn't mean they won't be eligible when their name comes up!

GREAT job Belinda! And, kudos to Laura Popiel, Rosa Rocha, Paula Davis, Ali Lima and Javier for wonderful work checking in folks and hospitality! I loved the door prizes (even though I didn't win).

◆ FROM D.A.D.S.:

A big thank you goes to Nina Sodus, Regional Director-LTSS of D.A.D.S. (Department of Aging & Disability Services) for making the arrangements for the following speakers to attend and give us an overview on the following waiver programs:

- **CLASS** — COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT SERVICES—**Jamie White** - CLASS Program Consultant, Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services
- **CBA** — COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES - **LEAH OWEN** — Community Case Worker IV
- **MDCP** — MEDICALLY DEPENDENT CHILDREN PROGRAM—**Carolyn Payton, R.N.** and **Delia Cantu**, Human Services Specialist, VII
- **STAR+PLUS** — **Karen Kast**, Support Director

To get on these waiver programs, contact: D.A.D.S. - <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/>

◆ FROM M.H.M.R.A.:

Another big thank you goes to **Barbara Davis**, Assistant Deputy Director, Mental Retardation Services, MHMRA of Harris County, who provided us with a general overview about the various waiver programs and made the arrangements for the following speaker to attend:

- HCS — HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES PROGRAM
- TxHmL — TEXAS HOME LIVING
Melissa Liuzza, Mental Retardation Services, MHMRA of Harris County

To get on these waiver programs, contact: your local mental retardation authorities (MRA)

Your questions about the various Medicaid waiver programs were answered — *finally!*

You understand why it is so important to “Get on the List” — *finally!*

You left knowing how to get on the list — *finally!*

CLASS



Community Living Assistance and
Support Services

Program Overview

- Medicaid 1915(c) Waiver
- Provides home and community-based services to individuals with related conditions.
- Related Conditions are qualifying disability, other than mental retardation, which originated before age 22 that affects their ability to function in 3 of 6 assessed areas of daily life.

CLASS Eligibility

People served by the CLASS Program must:

- Be diagnosed by a licensed physician as having a related condition
- Demonstrate a need for habilitation services
- Meet the ICF/MR Program Level of Care VIII criteria
- Have a service plan that does not exceed the program's cost ceiling of \$114,736.07 or 200 % of the annual cost of providing services in an ICF/MR Level of Care VIII
- Have SSI or meet financial eligibility criteria for Medicaid as determined by HHSC

CLASS Service Delivery Options

- Traditional Agency Option
 - Direct Services delivered by a CLASS Direct Service Agency
 - Case Management delivered by a CLASS Case Management Agency
- Consumer Directed Service Option—Habilitation and Respite self-directed
 - Financial Management Services delivered by a CDS Agency
 - Direct Services delivered by a CLASS Direct Service Agency
 - Case Management delivered by a CLASS Case Management Agency

Case Management Agency

- Completes CLASS Pre-enrollment Assessment
- Explains CDS option
- Coordinates IDT meetings for service planning
 - Advocates on participant's behalf
 - Ensures that non-waiver resources are exhausted
- Issues any denial, reduction, or termination of services

Direct Services Agency

- Perform nursing assessment at enrollment & annually for Level of Care
- Documents eligibility for related conditions
- Assesses Adaptive Behavior Level (ABL) using standardized assessment tool
- Provides professional services, specialized therapies, & acquires MHM and AA
- Provides habilitation & respite (not CDS)

Consumer Directed Services Agency

- Assists the participant or LAR to budget funds allocated in the individual's service plan for delivery through the CDS option
- Manages payroll, including calculations of employee withholdings and employer contributions and depositing these funds with appropriate agencies
- Prepares and files required tax forms and reports

CLASS Services Are Based on Assessed Needs

- Case Management
- Habilitation Training
- Respite
- Nursing
- Adaptive Aids
- Minor Home Modifications
- Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapies & Behavioral Support
- Prevocational & Supported Employment

CLASS Services Are Based on Assessed Needs

- Specialized Therapies
 - recreational therapy
 - music therapy
 - massage therapy
 - hippotherapy
 - hydrotherapy
 - therapeutic horseback riding
 - auditory integration/enhancement training
 - aquatic therapy
 - nutritional services

Non-Waiver Resources

- Texas Health Steps-CCP (under 21)
- Medicaid Home Health
- Local School District (under 22)
- Private Insurance
- Dept of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services
- Vendor Drug Program/Medicare Part D
(provides all prescriptions)

Complaints

Individuals receiving services through the CLASS program may register complaints about abuse, neglect, exploitation, provider actions, to report situations that affect an individual's rights, quality of care or which pose a threat to their health and safety by calling Consumer Rights and Services at:

800-458-9858



Texas Administrative Code

Title 40, Part 1

- Chapter 45: Community Living Assistance and Support Services
- Chapter 48, Subchapter C: Medicaid Waiver Program for Persons with Related Conditions
- Chapter 97: Licensing Standards for Home and Community Support Services Agencies
- Chapter 41: Consumer Directed Services Option
- Chapter 40, Use of General Revenue for Services Exceeding the Individual Cost Limit of a Waiver Program



CLASS Resources

- **CLASS Provider Manual**
<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/classpm/>
- **CLASS Provider Letters and Policy Clarifications**
<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/CLASS/index.cfm>
- **CLASS Related Conditions**
http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/guidelines/ICD-9-CM_Diagnostic_Codes.pdf
- **ICF/MR Level of Care VIII Criteria**
TAC Chapter 9 Subchapter E, Division 5 §9.239 ICF/MR Level of Care VIII Criteria
- **Interest List Phone Number**
(877) 438-5658

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**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MRA IN CONNECTION
WITH HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES PROGRAM
And TEXAS HOME LIVING**

YOUR COUNTY:	YOUR LOCAL MRA:	CONTACT #:
Austin County	Texana	281-342-0090 or 281-239-1363
Brazos County	Brazos Valley	979-821-9432 or 979-821-9400
Burleson County	Brazos Valley	979-821-9432 or 979-821-9400
Brazoria County	Gulf Coast Center	1-888-839-3229
Colorado County	Texana	281-342-0090 or 281-239-1363
Fort Bend County	Texana	281-342-0090 or 281-239-1363
Galveston County	Gulf Coast Center	1-888-839-3229
Grimes County	Brazos Valley	979-821-9432 or 979-821-9400
Hardin County	Spindletop MHMR	409-784-5469
Harris County	MHMRA	713-970-7000 or 713-970-7070
Jefferson County	Spindletop MHMR	409-784-5469
Leon County	Brazos Valley	979-821-9432 or 979-821-9400
Liberty County	Tri-County MHMR	281-432-3076
Madison County	Brazos Valley	979-821-9432 or 979-821-9400

Matagorda County	Texana	281-342-0090 or 281-239-1363
Montgomery County	Tri-County MHMR	936-521-6200
Orange County	Spindletop MHMR	409-784-5469
Robertson County	Brazos Valley	979-821-9432 or 979-821-9400
Walker County	Tri-County MHMR	936-291-5800
Waller County	Texana	281-342-0090 or 281-239-1363
Washington County	Brazos Valley	979-821-9432 or 979-821-9400
Wharton Bend County	Texana	281-342-0090 or 281-239-1363