Proposed Brain Injury Waiver

Options

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Funding Options

The Disability Commission asked DMAS was asked to develop options to the Brain Injury Waiver developed by the work group.

Those options follow

Funding Options for a Brain Injury Waiver: Work Group Recommendation

- Fund 200 slots with the services recommended by the work group.
 - Serve people starting at age 16
 - Services include group homes, personal care, environmental modifications, and assistive technology (and other services)
 - Average cost per person is about \$65,000 per year.
 - Cost in 2005 = \$4.3 million (State Funds);
 - Cost in 2006 = \$6.8 million (State Funds)

Funding Options for a Brain Injury Waiver

Option #1: Accept work group recommendation for age of entrance into the waiver and for services, but fund fewer than 200 slots at \$65,000 per person per year

# of slots	Total Funds In Millions	State Funds In Millions
150	\$9.75	\$4.88
100	\$6.5	\$3.25
75	\$4.88	\$2.44
50	\$3.25	\$1.63

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Funding Options for a Brain Injury Waiver: Fund Fewer than 200 slots

- Administrative costs and activity would remain the same (part of the reason for this is increased reporting requirements to CMS and new quality framework).
- Might need to target the waiver to specific geographic locations in order to build a sufficient provider base

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- Option #2: Cost \$40,000 per person per year
- Serve people between the ages of 22 and 65.
- Services include, personal care, environmental modifications, and assistive technology (and other services); group homes would not be offered. The specific services would need to be developed with the work group.

Funding Options for a Brain Injury Waiver Option #2:

# of slots	Total Funds In Millions	State Funds In Millions
200	\$9.75	\$4.88
150	\$6.5	\$3.25
100	\$4.88	\$2.44
75	\$3.25	\$1.63

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Next Steps:

- Disability Commission choose the option and submit a budget amendment for funding for the waiver and admin costs; include emergency regulatory authority if the waiver is to be developed in 2005
- Legislation to allow DMHMRSAS to license services
- Admin costs: Staff needed at DMAS (2) and DMHMRSAS (1); DMAS staff is 50% federally funded; DMHMRSAS staff is 100% State funded (cannot get federal funding for state-required licensing).
- If funded, DMAS will work with work group to develop waiver and seek approval from CMS