Medicaid HCBS Programs and Policies
Data and Trends

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Total US Long-Term Support & Services (LTSS) Expenditures, 2012 $229.3 billion

- Medicare: 30%
- Medicaid: 33%
- Out-of-pocket: 22%
- Private Ins & Other: 15%

Source: Historical National Health Expenditure Data, CMS 2012
Medicaid HCBS Policy Issues

1. State & federal budget cutbacks, esp among discretionary spending
2. Continued demands of institutional provision
3. Consumer preferences
5. Litigation against states
6. Legislation including Deficit Reduction Act and Affordable Care Act
7. Program initiatives such as Money Follows the Person and HCBS State Plan Option
8. New HCBS Settings Rule
Study Aims & Method

Aims
- Examine trends in participation & expenditure on Medicaid HCBS programs
- Examine state HCBS policies
- Excludes ACA programs and MLTSS

Method
1. CMS Form 372 reports for HCBS waivers (n = 291 in 2011)
2. State Survey of Medicaid State Plan Personal Care (PCS) Optional Benefit (n = 32)
3. State Survey of Medicaid Home Health Health (n=51)
Medicaid HCBS Programs

Personal Care optional benefit (UCSF Annual Survey)
- Optional, actively available in 32 states (2011)
- Must be statewide, available to Medicaid categorically eligible groups

Home Health (UCSF Annual Survey)
- Mandatory
Medicaid HCBS Waivers

HCBS 1915(c) waivers (CMS Form 372 Reports)
- In 2011, 47 states & DC offer 291 waivers (AZ, RI & VT use statewide 1115 managed care waiver, 6 other states have partial 1115 waivers)
- Optional program - provides range of HCBS and may include personal care
- Must be targeted to selected recipient groups (up to 14 waivers in some states)
- Must be nursing home eligible
- Financial & medical eligibility vary across states
- Slots, geography & expenditures can be limited
- Must be cost neutral
- Waiting lists can be established
Medicaid HCBS Participants & Expenditures by Program, 2011

Total Participants: 3.2 million

- State Plan Personal Care Services: 960,752 (30%)
- § 1915(c) Waiver Services: 1,451,345 (45%)
- State Plan Home Health Services: 813,955 (25%)

Total Expenditures: $55.4 billion

- State Plan Personal Care Services: $10.5 billion (19%)
- § 1915(c) Waiver Services: $38.9 billion (79%)
- State Plan Home Health Services: $6 billion (11%)

Medicaid HCBS Participants by Program, 2001-2011

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<td>2011</td>
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% Change: +10% +7% +4% +7% -1% +3% +5% +5% +1% +2%

Ng & Harrington, 2014, Medicaid HCBS Program Data 01-11 San Francisco, CA: UCSF
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Figure 9

Medicaid HCBS Average Expenditures Per Person Served, 2001-2011

NOTE: Figures updated annually and may not correspond with previous reports.
SOURCES: KCMU and UCSF analysis of CMS Form 372 data and program surveys.
Waiver Participants & Expenditures by Enrollment Group, 2011

Enrollees
Total: 1,451,345

Expenditures
Total: $38.9 billion

Aged and Disabled
- 159,385 (11%)
- 709,490 (49%)
- 582,470 (40%)
- $27B (69%)

I/DD
- $3B (8%)
- $8.5B (22%)
- $27B (69%)

Other
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Medicaid HCBS Cost Control Policies, 2013

HCBS Waivers
- Limits on financial eligibility for those who are otherwise eligible for institutional care – quarter of waivers less than 300% SSI
- 10 waivers in 8 states have more restrictive functional eligibility than institutions
- Ceilings or caps on services and expenditures per participant
- Geographical limits within states
- Limits on waiver participants (slots) - establish waiting lists

State Plan Personal Care Services (32 active states)
- Ceilings or caps on services and expenditures per participant
- Services vary between states – 19 states limit hours
- Not available in 19 states

Home Health
- Services vary between states
## Consumer Direction & Forms of Cost Controls, 2013

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<th>Home Health (n=51)</th>
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<td>Hourly/Service/</td>
<td>143 (48%)</td>
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<td>Geographic Limits</td>
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<td>32 active states</td>
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<td>Waiting Lists</td>
<td>158 (53%)</td>
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Medicaid § 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Financial Eligibility Limits, 2013

Total = 297 reporting waivers

NOTE: In 2013, 300% of Supplemental Security Income Federal Benefit Rate (SSI FBR) was $2,130 a month for an individual. SOURCE: KCMU and UCSF analysis of waiver policy survey.
## Waiting Lists by Enrollment Group, 2003-2013

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<th>Others</th>
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<td>Texas</td>
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Medicaid HCBS Data Trends: Conclusion

- Lower participant and expenditures growth than in past
- Due likely to growth in MLTSS and Others
- Medicaid HCBS expenditures grew by 5% and participants by 2% between 2010 and 2011. 10-yr average -10% / 4%
- Aged/Disabled receive fewer expenditures per participant than I/DD, about 1/4
- Waiver service and cost caps impact on program growth and create unmet needs
- Large & long waiting lists for HCBS waiver programs in many states
- Wide inter-state variation in HCBS service provision and spending on services
- Many ACA programs and initiatives for states to expand HCBS