



House Select Committee on Services for Individuals Eligible for Intermediate Care Facility Services

Department of Aging and Disability Services

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Response to State Auditor's Report Chapter 1

SAO Report

- SAO audit concluded prior to implementation of Senate Bill 27, 80th Legislature, 2007.
- S.B. 27 included provisions related to the Community Living Options Information Process for adult residents of state schools.
 - Living options for a state school resident are reviewed 30 days after admission to the state school, at least annually, and upon request by the resident/family members/guardian.
- S.B. 27 directed DADS to delegate to local MRAs the implementation of a Community Living Options Information Process for adult residents at state schools.
- The Community Living Options Information Process and tools were developed in conjunction with a broad range of stakeholders as required by the bill.
- January 2, 2008 - the process was fully operational in accordance with S.B. 27.

State School Improvements

System-Wide Initiatives

- **Person-Centered Values**
 - **Values-Based Culture Training:** treating individuals with dignity and respect
 - **Standardized Person-Directed Planning System:** standardized process for developing individualized plans based upon the individual's needs and what is important to the individual
- **Individual Rights**
 - **Standardized Rights Assessment:** protecting individuals' rights
 - **Most Integrated Setting**
 - **Positive Behavior Support**
 - **Restraint Reduction**

System-Wide Initiatives

- Quality Medical Services
 - Nursing Services
 - Specialized Therapies
 - Medication Management
 - Use of Standardized Assessment Tools for the Side Effects of Medications
 - Training in the area of Poly-Pharmacy
- Continuous Quality Improvement
 - Health Status Committees
 - Standardized Unusual Incident Trend Analysis System
 - Emergency Code Drills

Contracted Services from the Columbus Organization

- Training
 - Competency based and “train the trainer” training provided at all facilities
 - Identifying and reporting abuse, neglect, and exploitation
 - Active treatment
 - Client rights
 - Nursing practices
 - Habilitation therapies and augmentative communication systems and devices
 - Nursing services with an integrated holistic health care approach
 - Additional specialized training conducted at selected facilities
 - Active treatment
 - Person directed planning
 - Positive behavior supports
 - Nursing services
- Technical Assistance

Hiring

- The biennial appropriation for State Schools for FY 2008-09 is \$1.040 billion, which includes additional funding to allow DADS to hire an additional 1,690 FTEs
 - 1,211 medical professional and direct care positions
 - 479 positions that support State School operations
 - 1,139 of the new positions have been filled as of August 18, 2008
- DADS is working to ensure the newly allocated positions are filled over the next Fiscal Year

Interest Lists

DADS Services

- **Medicaid Entitlements**
 - Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded or Related Conditions – State Schools, Community
 - Nursing Facilities
 - Hospice
 - Primary Home Care (PHC)
 - Community Attendant Services (CAS)
 - Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS)
- **1915(c) Medicaid Waivers**
 - Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
 - Community-Based Alternatives (CBA)
 - Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
 - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
 - Deaf-Blind/Multiple Disabilities Program (DBMD)
 - Texas Home Living (TxHmL)
 - Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP)
- **Non-Medicaid Funded Services - Federal (Title XX, Older Americans Act)**
- **General Revenue Funded Services**

Interest Lists

- Demand typically outweighs the availability of community services, so names of interested individuals are placed on interest lists and are assessed on a first-come, first-served basis
- When an individual comes to the top of a list, the eligibility determination process begins
- While on an interest list, many individuals' needs may be met through other programs

Interest Lists, continued

- Service levels are impacted by federal appropriations and funding appropriated by the Legislature
- The 80th Texas Legislature appropriated \$71.5 million General Revenue and \$167.3 million All Funds for expansion of the Medicaid waiver and non-Medicaid community services programs at DADS. With the additional authorized funding, we anticipate serving an additional 8,902 persons during the 08-09 biennium
 - CBA – 1,607
 - CLASS – 586
 - HCS – 2,676
 - MDCP – 415
 - DBMD – 16
 - Non-Medicaid – 2,228
 - In-Home Family Support – 1,374

Interest Lists, continued

Program	# Currently Served	# on Interest List	Longest time on Interest List
CBA	21,050	29,316	2-3 years
ICM 1915(c) waiver	2,540	*263	1-2 years
CLASS	3,929	21,496	7-8 years
DBMD	153	28	1-2 years
MDCP	2,541	9,920	2-3 years
HCS	13,889	37,187	8-9 years
STAR+PLUS 1915(c) waiver	3,425	*2,916	2-3 years
Total	47,527	**100,335	N/A

These counts reflect the end of June, 2008.

* Individuals who are not SSI eligible and who want 1915(c) CBA-like waiver services are on an interest list. This interest list is managed by DADS and the numbers above reflect those non-SSI individuals on the interest list whose eligibility has not yet been determined.

** Count is duplicated. The unduplicated count is 82,050.
The unduplicated count without STAR+PLUS is 79,925.