What is the Medicaid Elderly Waiver Program?
Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Elderly Waiver Program

- The Elderly Waiver Program provides services and supports to older Iowans who are:
  - medically qualified for the level of care provided at a nursing facility (but do not wish to live in a nursing home); and
  - are 65 years of age or older;
  - And eligible for Medicaid
Elderly Waiver Services

Services are based on an individual’s needs and coordinated by a case manager. An Individual Comprehensive Service Plan may include:

**Assistance with:**
- Cleaning
- Shopping
- Medication management
- Transportation
- Meals; or
- Other tasks

**Funding for:**
- Home modifications (i.e., adding a wheelchair ramp);
- Home-delivered meal service; or
- Personal emergency response system
- Vehicle modifications
Benefits of the Medicaid Elderly Waiver

Older Iowans can age in environments of their choice that are familiar and comfortable to them.
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Individuals requiring services maintain freedom to decide what type of care they receive and from whom that care is provided.
Who is Eligible

- Iowa resident and United States citizen (or person with legal entry);
- 65 years of age or older;
- In need of a nursing facility or skilled level of care, as determined by assessment; and
- Eligible for Medicaid
Medicaid Income Restrictions

- **Single applicants:**
  - income less than 300% of the federal poverty level (in 2015, this is less than $2,199/month)
  - Countable asset limit of $2,000, excluding an applicant’s home, car, and certain other items

- **A married applicant whose spouse is not applying has increased flexibility, as he or she can allocate some of their income and assets to the non-applicant spouse**
Services the Elderly Waiver Covers

- Adult Day Care
- Assistive Devices
- Assisted Living On-Call
- Case Management
- Chore Services
- Consumer Directed Attendant Care
- Emergency Response System
- Home and Vehicle Modifications
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Health Aide
- Homemaker Services
- Mental Health Outreach
- Nursing Care
- Nutritional Counseling
- Respite
- Senior Companions
- Transportation
- Consumer Choices Option

Access to these services is available to those who are not Medicaid eligible as well if paid for through other means.
For Assistance

For more information on this subject or others related to aging or disability services, please contact:

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