House Committee on Human Services

Department of Aging and Disability Services

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Overview of Services and Programs

• The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) provides long-term services and supports to a wide range of individuals:
  ➢ Individuals with physical disabilities
  ➢ Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
  ➢ Individuals age 60 and older, their family members and other caregivers, who are eligible for services under the Older Americans Act

• DADS provides residential services for persons in the state’s 13 state supported living centers.

• DADS contracts with providers of community-based services for residential and in-home services.

• DADS regulates licensed residential and non-residential long term services and supports providers.
DADS Organization

- DADS is organized into three main functional areas:
  - State Supported Living Centers
  - Access and Intake
    - Area agencies on aging
    - Local intellectual and developmental disability authorities
    - Guardianship services
    - Contracts for long-term services and supports in the community
  - Regulatory Services
    - Licensing facilities and agencies
    - Survey and certification of facilities and agencies
    - Regulatory enforcement of facilities and agencies
Residential Services

- Nursing facilities (NFs)
- Assisted living facilities (ALFs)
- Intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ICFs/IID)
- State supported living centers (SSLCs)
State Supported Living Centers

- DADS operates state supported living centers (SSLCs), which are certified as providers of Medicaid-funded services in the ICF/IID program.
- SSLCs provide residential services and supports for approximately 3,380 persons with intellectual disabilities at 13 locations:
  - Abilene
  - Austin
  - Brenham
  - Corpus Christi
  - Denton
  - El Paso
  - Lubbock
  - Lufkin
  - Mexia
  - Richmond
  - Rio Grande*
  - San Angelo
  - San Antonio

*Note: The Rio Grande State Center is operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services and provides ICF/IID services through a contract with DADS.
DADS Medicaid Community Services Waivers

- Medicaid home and community-based services waiver programs administered by DADS:
  - Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
  - Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
  - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
  - Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
  - Texas Home Living (TxHmL)

- An individual can be enrolled in only one 1915 (c) waiver program. Legislative appropriations determine the availability of waiver services.
Other Services

- Community Services and Supports (Title XX Block Grant)
- Older Americans Act funding
- State funded services
- Guardianship
DADS is responsible for regulating the following long-term services and supports providers*:

- Nursing facilities – 1,221 (licensure and certification)
- Intermediate care facilities – 863 (licensure and certification)
- Assisted living facilities – 1,763 (licensure)
- Adult day care facilities – 480 (licensure)
- Home health and hospice agencies – 6,363 (licensure and certification)
- Home and Community-based Services waiver providers – 761
- Texas Home Living waiver providers – 370
- Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers – 0 (new provider type)

*As of 8/25/14
Balancing Incentive Program
Balancing Incentive Program (BIP)

- 2% enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) through September 2015 to increase access to community-based long-term services and supports.

- By September 30, 2015, the state must implement:
  - a “no wrong door” eligibility and enrollment system;
  - core standardized assessment instruments; and
  - conflict-free case management activities.

- By October 2015, the state must spend more than 50% of Medicaid long-term services and supports funds on community-based services.
BIP – Funded Initiatives

• “No Wrong Door” eligibility and enrollment systems:
  ➢ Aging and disability resource center (ADRC) statewide expansion
  ➢ Toll-free number to assist individuals with information about and access to services
  ➢ Integration of a basic screen into the Your Texas Benefits self-service web portal that will direct individuals to the “front doors” for the services that best meet their needs

• Core standardized assessment instrument:
  ➢ Enhancements to long-term services and supports assessment instruments
  ➢ Development of a new IDD assessment and resource allocation process
BIP – Funded Initiatives (cont.)

• Community services:
  ➢ Funding for additional community-based waiver slots for interest list reduction
  ➢ Funding for community-based waiver slots through the state’s Promoting Independence initiative
  ➢ Funding for Community First Choice, a new attendant and habilitation services program

• Other activities to increase access to community-based services:
  ➢ Direct service worker base wage increases to improve recruitment and increase retention
  ➢ Expansion of the use of electronic health records at SSLCs to assist in transition planning for individuals choosing community transition