

WAIVER – PROJECT AIDS CARE

BACKGROUND

The Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver is a home and community-based services (HCBS) program designed to assist people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) to live in their home or community. The waiver was implemented in 1989. Individuals with AIDS who are determined to be at risk of hospitalization or placement in a nursing facility are given the choice to remain at home and receive HCBS under the PAC Waiver. A case manager at a PAC Waiver case management agency coordinates access to services needed based on the acuity level of the recipient which is determined by the nurse care manager from the disease management organization.

The Agency operates this section 1915(c) waiver.

DESCRIPTION

PAC Waiver services include case management, chore, day health care, education and support, environmental accessibility adaptations, home delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, restorative massage, skilled nursing, registered nurse and licensed practical nurse, specialized medical equipment and supplies, specialized personal care for foster care children, and therapeutic management of substance abuse. All necessary services must be documented in the plan of care and be authorized by the case manager.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Statewide.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to participate in the PAC Waiver, the individual must meet the following criteria:

- Have a diagnosis of AIDS documented by a physician.
- Have the presence of AIDS related opportunistic infections.
- Be Medicaid eligible.
- Be determined by the Department of Elder Affairs, Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-

Term Care Services to be at risk of hospitalization or institutionalization in a skilled nursing facility.

- Be determined disabled according to Social Security Administration standards.
- Not be enrolled in a Medicaid health maintenance organization except one contracted in the Medicaid Reform coverage area.
- Not be enrolled in a Medicare or Medicaid hospice program.
- Not be enrolled in another Medicaid waiver program.
- Be capable of remaining safely in the home and community.

REIMBURSEMENT

Case management agencies bill for and are reimbursed a monthly rate for case managing the needs of the recipient. Other services are reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis according to the Medicaid authorized fee schedule.

