

Funding For Home and Community-Based Services



"I am very pleased to have these services. I only have a sister to help me out and she is just as sick as me. Without my meals and the aide, I would be back in the nursing home." Female consumer age 82, Gainesville, GA

"The Center for the Visually Impaired has shown me how to see without seeing. It has given me the ability to maintain my living as I was when I was sighted and to live by myself. It has taught me how to appreciate my life and people more. It has given me the ability to know that life can be as beautiful as it was before (blindness)." Female consumer age 83, Atlanta, GA

Non-Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Adults 60 years of age or older who are in greatest social and economic need use supportive services to remain in their homes and communities. These lifeline services to older adults and caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease, other dementias or chronic health conditions include:

- Home Delivered Meals
- Transportation
- Respite Care
- Adult Day Care
- Homemaker Services
- Personal Care Services
- Senior Center Meals & Programs
- Wellness Program Services
- Minor Home Repairs

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| Waiting List in 2008 | 17,021 |
| Waiting List in 2011 | 20,117 |

Community Care Services Program (CCSP)

Older Georgians and individuals with physical or sensory disabilities who are eligible for nursing facility care under Medicaid use these services to remain in their homes and communities. SFY data shows that CCSP services delay more costly nursing facility placement by an average of 49 months (4 additional years), saving money and meeting consumer preferences to remain living in their communities. CCSP Medicaid services include:

- Adult Day Health
- Alternative Living Services
- Emergency Response Services
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Delivered Services
- Personal Support Services
- Consumer Directed Personal Support Services option and
- Out-of-Home Respite Care
- Skilled Nursing Services
- Other consumer choice initiatives including T-CARE® and Money follows the Person

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| Waiting List in 2008 | 801 |
| Waiting List in 2011 | 2,086 |

Why Support for this Budget Item is Important

These funds save the state of Georgia money by avoiding or delaying more costly institutionalization.

Reductions in CCSP state funding will result in a direct loss of federal Medicaid matching funds.

These funds help shrink the growing Waiting List for these services and provide services when they are the most needed and effective.

Cost Per Client
CCSP, HCBS

