

Brain Injury Program

Focus Group:

Interested Brain Injury Providers

Hosted by:

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services
Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services
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Agenda

1. Background on the program (3 minutes)
2. Purpose of today's session (2 minutes)
3. Approach to today's conversation (5 minutes)
4. Discussion questions (1 hour 20 minutes)

Expanding Services for People Living with Brain Injury

- In the 2022 session the Virginia General Assembly tasked DMAS with two new initiatives related to brain injury services in VA:
 - Allow Targeted Case Management to be paid by Medicaid for people with severe Traumatic Brain Injury.
 - Study and design Waiver services and a Neurobehavioral Unit, for individuals with neurocognitive disorders due to a brain injury.

First Mandate: Targeted Case Management

- **State of Virginia TCM mandate:** DMAS was directed to establish and implement a new State Medicaid Plan service, targeted case management (TCM) for “individuals with severe Traumatic Brain Injury” [Va. Code § 32.1-325\(A\)\(31\)\(2022\)](#).
- Note that this mandate specifically targets “severe Traumatic Brain Injury”
- As per the Federal definition, TCM is case management services for a specifically defined population.

Second Mandate: Waiver and Neurobehavioral Science Unit Recommendations

- From Virginia State Budget 308 CC.1
“The Department of Medical Assistance Services, in conjunction with relevant stakeholders, shall convene a workgroup to develop a plan for a neurobehavioral science unit and a waiver program for individuals with brain injury and neuro-cognitive disorders.
- Note that this language specifically mentions “neurobehavioral science unit” and “brain injury and neuro-cognitive disorders.”

Purpose

- The purpose of this meeting is to **get your feedback** to help develop these services and providers.
- Today's goal is to **gain insight from future interested providers** about what would be needed to consider becoming an enrolled provider for this program and understand current capacity.
- The team will share your thoughts with DMAS as they develop a plan for a brain injury waiver to present to the General Assembly.

Our Role as Facilitators

1. Listen to your ideas as they relate to Virginia's effort to expand services and accessibility for people living with brain injury and their families.
2. Assure that all group participants are heard
3. Document themes from focus groups
4. Share your input with DMAS

How Feedback Will Be Used

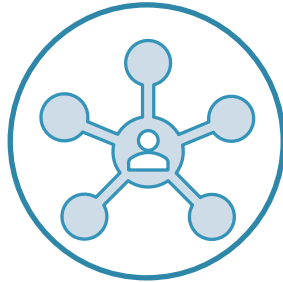
- We will collect feedback from multiple focus groups. We are also conducting focus groups with people living with brain injury and their family members.
- Feedback will be shared with DMAS, who will incorporate feedback into the proposed program
- The proposed program will contain only services that can be paid for by Medicaid
- DMAS will propose the program to the General Assembly for approval

Discussion Ground Rules

We want to hear from everyone!



Actively
Participate



Respect
Others'
Opinions



Try Not to
Interrupt



All Ideas
are Good
Ideas

Success of this session relies on your participation!

Brain Injury Targeted Case Management

- Targeted Case Management will become part of Virginia's State Plan Option in early fiscal year 2024.
- Unlike the ID/DD Waiver, CSB's will not be the sole providers of Brain Injury Case Management
- Other community organizations that meet DMAS standards can provide BI Case Management if they are not also providers of HCBS waiver services

Question 1

What would your agency/facility need to consider becoming an enrolled Brain Injury Targeted Case Management provider?

Examples of the Types of Services the Waiver Might Include

Assistive Technology	Club House	Cognitive Rehabilitation	Consultation Services
Employment Specialist Services	Family Counseling and Training Services	Home Support Services	In-home Support Services
Personal Assistance Service	Respite Care	Supported Living	Transitional Living Program Services
Transportation – Non-medical			

Note this is currently in draft form and is not final.

Question 2

Which of these potential brain injury waiver services would your organization be interested in providing?

Are there other services you provide that you might suggest for a brain injury waiver?

Question 3

What would your organization need to be prepared to become a Medicaid brain injury service provider or case management provider?

Question 4

What are your thoughts about the availability of providers to serve the Brain Injury population?

Please provide your input in the context of:

1. Barriers for providers to serve the Brain Injury population?
2. Training needed/recommended?
3. Incentives for providers to begin serving Brain Injury population?



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION!**

Questions?