



# Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program

## 2010 Amendments

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# 2010 Regulatory Revisions

- Three Components
  - Increase maximum housing adjustment
  - Broaden & expand ancillary services
  - Change expenditure requirements for in-home and ancillary services

# What Do These Changes Mean for AAAs and Clients?

- Increasing the maximum housing adjustment will help a select group of potential clients
- Adding to/changing the ancillary services will enable AAAs to:
  - Have greater flexibility in the types of services they have available to address clients' needs;
  - Provide more options to clients; and
  - Use scarce resources more effectively & efficiently.

# And ...

- Revising the minimum and maximum funding for in-home and ancillary services will support/facilitate the implementation of the changes in ancillary services.

## §6654.6(b)(4)(iii)

# Maximum Housing Adjustment

- Revision increases the maximum amount of housing costs that can be excluded when calculating client cost share
- From 20% to 40% of the income threshold
- Maximum adjustment
  - \$275 to \$550 /month for an individual
  - \$370 to \$741/month for a couple
  - 10-PI- 05

# §6654.19 EISEP Ancillary Services

## What's Different?

- Define ancillary services
- Remove in-home services requirement
- Remove one-time only requirement
- Expand what services and goods are allowable—more on this in a minute
- Specify what services and goods are not allowable—also more in a minute

# Definition of Ancillary Services – What's Intended

- Along with other support:
  - Remain safely in the community
  - With acceptable quality of life
  - Help someone to age in place

# Assessments and Care Planning

- Let's Remember -- it's all about:
  - Assessment
  - Care Planning

# Allowable Ancillary Services

- Services, items/goods and other supports that maintain or promote independence
- Won't sound different, many are already allowable, e.g.
  - Purchasing/renting of equipment or assistive devices
  - Purchasing/renting, maintaining and repair of appliances
  - Personal and household items

# Allowable Ancillary Services Cont'd

- Some will be new, e.g.,
  - Meals provided under AAA administration or other approval
  - Social adult day services
  - Transportation to needed medical appointments, community services and activities

# Allowable Ancillary Services Cont'd

- Services, items/goods and other supports that maintain, repair or modify a home so that it is safe and adequate for living, e.g.,
  - Home maintenance and chores
  - Heavy house cleaning
  - Removal of physical barriers

# Allowable Ancillary Services Cont'd

- Services, items/goods and other supports that address everyday tasks, e.g.,
  - House cleaning
  - Laundry
  - Grocery shopping, shopping for other needed items and other essential errands
  - Bill paying and other essential activities
  - Providing meals
  - Escort to appointments and other community activities

# What's Not Allowable?

- Food, except for meals provided under an AAA's nutrition program or approved by an AAA (meet nutrition requirements)
- Housing expenses such as but not limited to: rent, mortgage, property taxes, heating fuel, gas, electricity, water, sewage, garbage collection, cable TV, telephone service
- Items and services that require a prescription or doctor's order

# What's Not Too (if at all) Different?

- When EISEP will pay:
  - Part of care plan
  - No other funding source available
- Written policies & procedures to ensure justification & documentation
- Documentation in a client's case record verifying receipt

# What's Not Too Different Cont'd

- Signed agreements for any item or alteration left in a client's home regarding ownership and responsibility
  - Movable durable items, however, remain the property of the AAA until determined they no longer have appreciable value

# §6655.7(e) – Sets Minimum & Maximum Expenditure Percentages

- At least 33 % of EISEP State funding and local match must be spent on in-home services (had been 50%)
- No more than 33 % of EISEP State funding and local match may be spent on ancillary services (had been



Thank You