



Wisconsin Home and Community Based Services and American Rescue Plan Act Home and Community Based Settings Plan

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Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) 101

- **Federal Authority:** Medicaid is allowed to request from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) waivers authorized by Section 1915 of the Social Security Act that allow states to provide home and community based services to certain specific populations in lieu of institutional care. This allows the State to receive federal matching funds at the Medicaid match rate for expenditures associated with these services.
- **Eligibility for HCBS:** Individuals must be financially eligible for Medicaid and meet an institutional level of care. In WI For adults, the three target groups are frail elderly, developmentally/intellectually disabled, and physically disabled. For children, the three target groups are developmentally/intellectually disabled, physically disabled, and severely emotionally disturbed.
- **HCBS Services:** Essentially any cost effective service to allow individuals to live, engage and work in the community. This includes residential services, supportive home care, meals, transportation, employment supports, adaptive aids, care management, etc.



Examples of Wisconsin's LTC Program Services

Note: The groups shown are a representative list of services only and are not fully inclusive.

	IRIS	Family Care	Partnership/PACE
MA Waiver Services Supportive Home Care Home Modifications Home-Delivered Meals Lifeline Assisted Living Employment			
MA LTC Card Services Home Health Medical Supplies Nursing Home Personal Care Mental Health Alcohol or Other Drug Treatment	Accessed Through Medicare or Medicaid Card		
Acute and Primary Medicare or MA Emergency Room Visit Hospitalization Doctor Visits Lab Tests Prescription Drugs Dental Care	Accessed Through Medicare or Medicaid Card	Accessed Through Medicare or Medicaid Card	



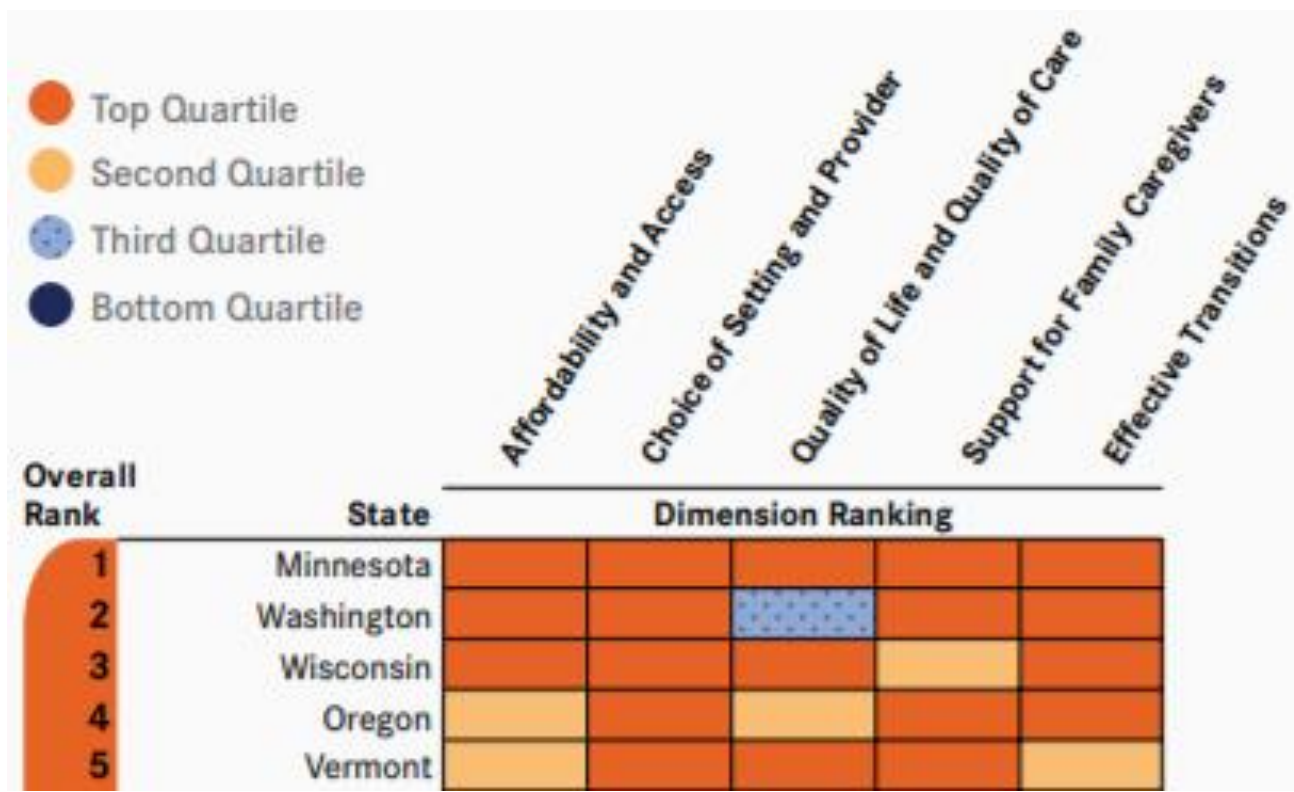
Long Term Care Programs Enrollment and Expenditures

		<i>Current Nov-21</i>
Nursing Home		6,768
Vets Homes		284
State Centers		267
Adult Legacy Waivers		-
Family Care		51,667
PACE		515
Partnership		3,770
IRIS		23,536
Children's Waivers		14,673
Total LTC Members		101,482
All Medicaid Members		1,518,009
LTC proportion		6.7%

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Total Medicaid Spend	\$3,803,919,457	\$10,842,798,405
LTC proportion	41.5%	41.0%



AARP Long-Term Services and Supports State 2020 Scorecard



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Overview of American Rescue Plan Act Home and Community Based Services Funding

- On March 11, 2021 the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) became law.
- Section 9817 allows for a 10% enhanced federal matching percentage (eFMAP) on certain home and community based services from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022.
- On May 13, 2021 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a State Medicaid Director Letter outlining further guidance around section 9817.
<https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd21003.pdf>



Overview of American Rescue Plan Act Home and Community Based Services Funding

- States must comply with Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Requirement and comply with related CMS guidance.
- States will be permitted to use the eFMAP funding through March 31, 2024.
- States must use funds to *“implement or supplement the implementation of one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS under the Medicaid program”*
- Preliminary analysis indicates eFMAP will generate \$350 million dollars in “GPR like” funds to reinvest to enhance the Medicaid HCBS system. This is an all funds amount of approximately \$750 million.



Wisconsin ARPA HCBS Plan Initiatives

- **Initiative 1: Medicaid HCBS Rate Reform**
 - 5% rate increase for all qualifying HCBS services; development of a statewide HCBS rate schedule; rate implementation smoothing
- **Initiative 2: Direct Care Workforce (DCW) Reform and Analysis**
 - DCW credentialing and training, progressive Medicaid rates supporting a career ladder incentivizing professional HCBS credentialing; staff stability survey, DCW registry
- **Initiative 3: Grants to Enhance, Expand, or Strengthen HCBS Under Medicaid**
 - Grant implementation team; grant dissemination review/award committee
- **Initiative 4: Tribal Long Term Care System Enhancements**
 - System development; Aging and Disability Resources Specialists for Wisconsin Tribes



Overview of Wisconsin's ARPA HCBS Plan

- **Initiative 5: Independent Living Pilot**

- Independent living supports pilot program to supporting older adults at risk of entering Medicaid long-term care; unpaid caregiver assessment, training, and resources

- **Initiative 6: Virtual Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) & ADRC Outreach and Education**

- Virtual aging and disability resource platform; ADRC outreach and education

- **Initiative 7: Access for Children**

- Resource center for families of children with disabilities

- **Initiative 8: Assisted Living Reporting, Member Assessment, and Certification**

- Assisted living reporting tool/survey; member assessment; 1-2 bed adult family home certification

- **Initiative 9: Adult and Child Protective Services Enhancements**

- Protective services improvements and coordination



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