



## MEDICAID 101

- The Medicaid program was created in 1965.
- It provides federal funds to states to assist their providing basic health care services.
- Long-term services are provided to individuals who have functional impairments that require continuing assistance and/or treatment.
- It is jointly funded and administered by the federal government and the states.
- Medicaid programs differ considerably state-to-state.
- The program offers services to both mandatory and optional eligibility groups.
- States must use their own or local tax dollars (called "matching dollars") to meet their Medicaid expenditures.
- To expand Medicaid services, a state must provide additional tax dollars in order to obtain federal financial participation
- Each state spells out the scope of its Medicaid program in a document called the "state plan."
- The state can change coverage, eligibility and the scope and amount of services annually.
- Eligibility is the "portal" through which people must pass in order to obtain Medicaid services.
- On the other side of this portal lie services that people can obtain.
- Home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver authority permits a state to obtain Federal Financial Participation (FFP) when it provides community services as an alternative to individuals otherwise eligible for institutional services.
- HCBS waivers offer greater flexibility in choice of services and providers.
- States have been incorporating consumer-directed/family-directed options into their HCBS waiver programs.
- There is a family-directed option that positions the family to recruit, hire and fire, and supervise workers and authorize payments to them through a fiscal intermediary.

### **Mandatory Services in Wisconsin's State Medicaid Plan (bold indicates mandatory Federal services):**

Case management services	Mental health and psychosocial rehabilitative services
Chiropractic services	<b>Nurse midwife services</b>
Dental services	<b>Nursing services</b>
<b>Family planning services</b>	Optometric
<b>Health Check (EPSDT)</b>	Outpatient hospital services
HCBS waiver	Personal care services
<b>Home health services or nursing</b>	Physical and occupational therapy
Hospice care	
<b>Inpatient hospital services</b>	<b>Physician services.</b>
<b>Inpatient hospital, nursing home</b>	Podiatry services
Intermediate care facility services	Prenatal care coordination
Laboratory and X-ray services	Respiratory care services
Drugs listed in Wisconsin's Medicaid's drug index	Rural health clinic services
Medical supplies and equipment	Skilled nursing home services
Mental health and medical day treatment	Speech, hearing, and language disorder
	Substance abuse services
	Transportation to obtain medical care