

Department of Social and Health Services Update on Community First Choice

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Committee on Aging and Disability*

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COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE

Federal origin and intent

- New federal authority created by the Affordable Care Act
- Encourages states to invest in additional community-based care
- Provides services that are designed to increase independence and skills
- Additional federal match available
 - Six percentage points higher than current Medicaid



Washington State's Direction (SHB2746)

- Refinance Medicaid Personal Care
- Cover new costs from a portion of the savings generated from enhanced match
- Program design to maximize enhanced federal match & achieve savings for reinvestment



Washington State's Direction (SHB2746)

Creates state savings to invest in:

- Developmental Disabilities Services (SB 6387, passed 2014)
- Home and community based services with recommendations from:
 - Joint Legislative/Executive Committee on Aging and Disability
 - CFCO Development Workgroup



CFCO Timeline for Implementation

- Federally Required Stakeholder Workgroup began in May 2014 and ends in October 2014.
- Statute requires CFCO implementation by: 8/30/2015
- DSHS targeted early implementation date: 7/1/2015



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Workgroup Membership

Total of 16 members, including:

- Individuals with disabilities
- Caregivers & parents
- Older Adults
- Tribal representative
- AARP
- ARC of Washington
- Developmental Disabilities Council
- SEIU 775
- State Council on Aging
- Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging



CFCO Savings During Phase-In

Four Year Estimate*	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
CFCO Net Savings	(\$36 M)	(\$36 M)	(\$36 M)	(\$36 M)
Required Investments in DD Services (SB 6387)	<u>+\$6 M</u>	<u>+\$16 M</u>	<u>+\$18 M</u>	<u>+\$18 M</u>
Remaining Savings	(\$30 M)	(\$20 M)	(\$18 M)	(\$18 M)

<i>Ongoing Savings</i>	<i>(\$18 M)</i>	<i>(\$18 M)</i>	<i>(\$18 M)</i>	<i>(\$18 M)</i>
<i>One-time Savings</i>	<i>(\$12 M)</i>	<i>(\$2 M)</i>	-	-

*Updated fiscal note assumptions for SB 2746.

Revised estimates will be available after the fall 2014 caseload forecast is finalized.



CFCO Workgroup Priorities

After broad discussion the workgroup prioritized targeted investments that:

- Assist families in providing care that delays need for expensive help
- Informs and supports self-management skills, use of assistive devices, supports and technology
- Decreases out of home placements
- Supports person-centered approach to service planning that best addresses the complex needs of individuals in home & community settings



CFCO Workgroup Investment Recommendations

- Expand supports to unpaid family caregivers
- Increase access to positive behavioral support services
- Increase the time caseworkers have to support individuals with person-centered service planning that efficiently, adequately and safely sustains them in community settings by reducing caseloads
- Targeted increases of in-home hours for clients at risk for out of home placement



Questions

