

DHHS FY 16/17 Budget Initiative: HCBS Waiver Services for Adults with Brain Injury and Adults with Other Related Conditions

Section 18 Home and Community-Based Services for Adults with Brain Injury

Section 20 Home and Community-Based Services for Adults with Other Related Conditions (ORC)

These Medicaid waiver programs are designed to serve individuals who are at high risk of institutional placement and to allow them to remain independent by creating services that support them to live in the community.

Section 18 provides services for adults who have brain injuries. Current funding for the brain injury waiver provides resources to move brain injured individuals receiving services at nursing homes and out-of-state facilities to more appropriate services in their homes and communities. Additional resources are required to fund new individuals in need of brain injury services who are waiting to enter the program.

Section 20 provides services for adults with other related conditions. Current funding provides resources to move individuals with certain diagnoses out of nursing facilities and into more appropriate care in their homes and communities. This initiative expands the scope of services for the ORC program to increase the number of available slots and cover rare conditions that are currently not covered, including: Muscular Dystrophy, Huntington's, Spina Bifida and other rare developmentally based conditions.

- Covered Services under both Waiver programs include residential, employment and community access as well as assistive technology and home modifications.

Initiative

This initiative would provide funding to increase the allocation to Section 18 Home and Community Benefits for Adults with Brain Injury and Section 20 Home and Community Benefits for Adults with Other Related Conditions.

Section 18

Year	State	Federal	Total
SFY 16	\$866,773	\$1,664,535	\$2,531,308
SFY 17	\$1,732,119	\$3,357,621	\$5,089,740

Section 20

Year	State	Federal	Total
SFY 17	\$899,878	\$1,510,725	\$2,410,603

Impact

- Services for individuals who are currently on the waitlist will be provided within Section 18 HCBS waiver.
- Expands services to individuals with rare conditions for services within Section 20.
- Lessens the risk of members being forced to choose institutional placements because of lack of community options.