

## Enhanced Services Facilities Information Sheet

### Background

Washington State has an identified gap in community placement options for individuals with complicated personal care *and* behavioral challenges. The lack of placement options increases the likelihood individuals will experience extended and unnecessary stays in State Hospitals even though they are not eligible for inpatient psychiatric treatment and have been assessed as discharge ready. To address this service gap, funding was established in the 2013-15 state operating budget that allows the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration to develop a new category of licensed residential facility, Enhanced Services Facilities (as authorized by RCW 70.97). Enhanced Services Facilities will support moves from State Hospitals for people who are ready for discharge but without this new level of service would not otherwise have a community placement.

During this biennium, actions to develop Enhanced Services Facilities include:

- Development of the license, including rule-making and defining the licensing process.
- Development of the Enhanced Services Facilities contract which includes:
  - Establishing Medicaid authority to fund placements;
  - Developing provider qualifications and responsibilities; and
  - Defining client eligibility.
- Procurement of qualified providers.
- Budget appropriation to support 42 people statewide.

### Population Served

Enhanced Service Facilities will serve individuals transitioning from State Hospitals who are functionally and financially eligible for home and community based services, who are no longer in need of inpatient psychiatric care, *and* have a higher level of complexity than individuals served in the existing array of community settings.

### How is an Enhanced Service Facility Different?

Enhanced Services Facilities will use high staffing ratios and behavioral and environmental interventions to serve individuals who are no longer receiving active treatment at a state psychiatric hospital. These facilities will offer behavioral health, personal care services and nursing, a combination that is not generally provided in other licensed long-term care settings.

### PHASE 1: Creating Infrastructure (July 2013-June 2014)

- Aging and Long-Term Support Administration will establish program elements which include:
  - Developing license in WAC.
  - Defining contract language.
  - Establishing rates.
  - Submitting and obtaining CMS approval for a HCBS 1915(c) Waiver.
  - Adding the service to Chapter 388-106 WAC.

### PHASE 2: Procurement of Providers (January 2014-June 2014)

- Request for Information in February 2014, received 10 responses from across the state.
- Request for Proposal will begin in March 2014 and will be completed by June.

### PHASE 3: Service Delivery (July 2014-June 2015)

- Aging and Long-Term Support Administration and State Hospitals will identify individuals to be served.
- The first Enhanced Services Facility bed will open in Fall 2014.
- 42 individuals will be served by June 2015.

For more information about the development of Enhanced Services Facilities, please visit:

<http://www.alsa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/esf.htm>