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Community First Choice

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AGENDA

- History
- Overview of Community First Choice (CFC)
- Training plan
- Question and Answer



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HISTORY

- The Affordable Care Act added federal authority for CFC
- Legislation passed in June of 2014
 - ESHB 2746
 - SSB 6387
- CFC workgroup met between April & October of 2014 to design the benefit model



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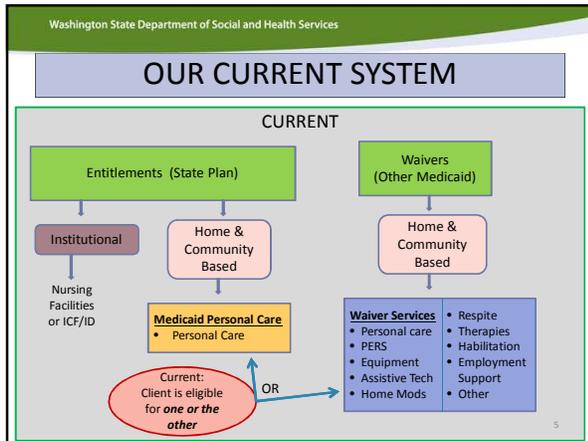
HISTORY– Why CFC?

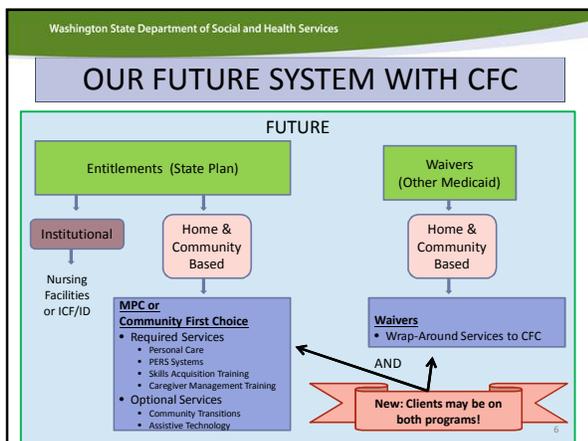
CFC supports our Strategic Plan

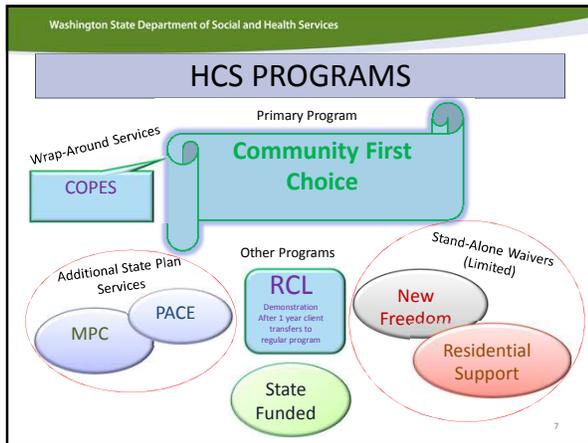
- A richer benefit provides needed supports to remain in the community
- Relocation out of institutional care is supported
- Supports client choice, flexibility, and independence
- CFC helps build a sustainable future by providing services that leverage federal funds while allowing clients more flexibility

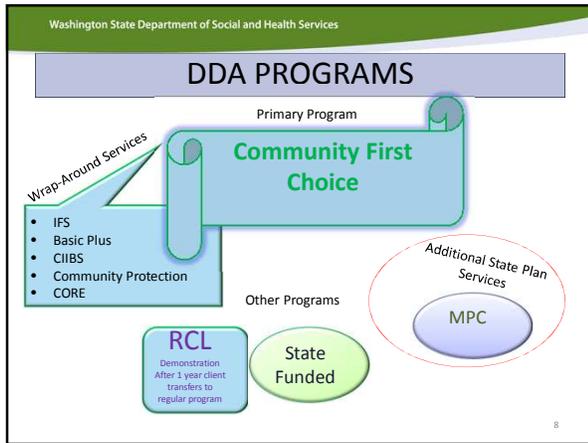


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Program Options

- New Program Option Choices:
 - MPC
 - MPC services will not change
 - Only available to clients not eligible for personal care under CFC
 - CFC
 - New State Plan Program
 - Primary program for most clients
 - CFC + Waiver
 - Waivers will become a wrap-around to CFC services
 - This is new for HCS and the option will be CFC + COPEs in CARE
 - Having two programs is not new for DDA

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State Plan Eligibility

- Medicaid Personal Care
 - Must still meet today's eligibility threshold to qualify
 - Client countable income is at or below CNIL of \$733/mo
 - Client *does not* meet NFLOC or ICF/ID level of care
 - Client is not eligible for personal care under CFC
 - MAGI are included in this group



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State Plan Eligibility

- Community First Choice Only
 - Client *meets* NFLOC or ICF-ID level of care
 - Client is eligible for personal care under CFC
 - Client countable income is at or below CNIL of \$733/mo
 - Considerations exist for married couples
 - MAGI are included in this group



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Waiver Eligibility

- Community First Choice + Waiver Services
 - Must be both functionally and financially eligible for the waiver
 - MAGI Clients:
 - Must go through the waiver eligibility process before switching from CFC only to CFC + COPEs
 - May require disability determination
 - Waiver financial rules are different and more verifications are required



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Waiver Eligibility

- Community First Choice + Waiver Services
 - Why would someone need or want to be enrolled in a waiver?
 - They require a service not available in CFC
 - They have an income over the CNIL of \$733/mo
 - To continue waiver eligibility, client must receive a waiver service every month
 - This will be discussed more during rollout training



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The CFC Plan & CMS

- Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
 - CMS gives final approval for our plan
 - State Plan submitted in January 2015 and is currently under review
 - We meet with CMS regularly to continue to refine our service package
 - What follows is our current plan model



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CFC Model

- Monthly Services
 - Personal Care
 - In-home with IP, Agency, or Relief care providers
 - Residential Care – AFH or ALF
 - Skills Acquisition Training
 - May use in-home care hours for this service
 - PERS Systems
 - Client must meet WAC criteria
 - Add-ons are accessed through Assistive Technology



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CFC Model

- Limited Annual Services
 - \$500 per fiscal year per client
 - Fiscal year is July 1 – June 30
 - Assistive Technology
 - PERS add-ons are considered Assistive Technology. The cost over the basic PERS unit comes out of the annual services limit
 - Add-ons: GPS, Fall Detection, Medication Reminder/Delivery Systems
 - Skills Acquisition Training
 - Exception: When personal care hours are used for Skills Acquisition Training, those hours do not count toward the fiscal year limit
 - Specialized Medical Equipment delayed



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CFC Model

- Additional Services
 - Community Transition Services
 - This is similar to the transition service we use today, the primary change is the program that is funding the service
 - \$850 per occurrence
 - RCL continues to be the preferred program
 - Training on managing caregivers
 - On-line, booklets, DVDs



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HCS CFC Training Plan

- HCS CFC Training
 - Local SMEs will receive an early training in May
 - Headquarters staff will be providing training in field offices between June 2nd and June 30th
 - Contact your JRP or supervisor if you still need to sign up for training through the 123signup system



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DDA CFC Training Plan

- DDA CFC Training
 - Trainers will be trained in May
 - Trainers will begin training staff around the state in June.
 - Sign up is available in LMS



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QUESTIONS?




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