

Community Living Program Grants

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Project Abstract:

The vision for Minnesota's Community Living Program (MCLP) grant project is to reduce Medical Assistance (MA) spending by supporting pre-Medical Assistance (MA) high-risk older adults in self-managing their risk factors and maximizing their use of flexible service options. Minnesota's Live Well at Home Program (LWAHP) (i.e., Nursing Home Diversion Program 2007-2009) strategically identifies and helps high-risk persons proactively manage risk factors.

The goals of MCLP are to: 1) Bolster the Aging Network's capacity to target pre-MA eligible high-risk older adults and family caregivers through statewide implementation of the LWAHP; 2) Broaden statewide capacity to offer self-directed support options to at-risk persons; 3) Establish a system-wide approach to measure and report target group diversion from MA.

Minnesota will partner with all Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to achieve the following objectives: 1) Broadly disseminate the Rapid Screen tool; 2) Integrate diversion support services and risk management protocols into the MinnesotaHelp Network™; 3) Build capacity and sustainability for high quality diversion support services; and 4) Implement Veterans-Directed HCBS Option.

The expected outcomes are: 1) Increased number of persons: a) using the Rapid Screen; b) taking action to manage their risks; c) buying self-directed support; and, 2) Ultimately, evidence of MA savings. Core products are: risk management materials; consumer materials; a final report with evaluation results; an enhanced web-portal; and provider standards and training program.