

Comparison of Medicaid-Covered Structured Family Caregiving in Three States

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	Georgia	Missouri	South Dakota
Target population	Medicaid beneficiaries with a functional impairment caused by physical limitations.	Medicaid beneficiaries age 21+ who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or related disorder.	Medicaid beneficiaries age 65+ or 18+ with a physical disability.
Federal authority	Service within Georgia Elderly and Disabled 1915(c) waiver	Stand-alone 1915(c) waiver	Service within South Dakota Home and Community-Based Options and Person-Centered Excellence (HOPE) 1915(c) waiver
Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waiver requirements<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualify for Medicaid• Functional impairment caused by physical limitations (including Alzheimer’s)• Meet nursing facility level of care criteria• Service requirements<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant is age 18+• Participant needs five or more hours of extended personal support services daily• Services must be delivered as part of an approved plan of care• Structured family caregiving agency must work with caregiver and others to establish backup plans for emergencies• Caregiver and participant must live in the same home• Caregiver must be related to the participant• Caregiver must be unable to work outside the home due to caregiving activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant must be<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicaid beneficiary• Age 21 or older• Diagnosed with Alzheimer’s/related• Meet nursing facility level of care criteria• Paid caregiver and participant must reside full time in the same household, which must be a private home• Caregiver must be the live-in caregiver already providing care to the participant prior to authorization of the services• Service must be provided as part of an approved plan of care• Structured family caregiving agency must hire a qualified substitute caregiver for when the primary caregiver is not available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waiver requirements<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualify for Medicaid• Age 65 or older; or age 18 and over with a qualifying disability• Meet nursing facility of level of care• Not be a resident of a hospital, nursing facility, or an ICF/MR• Service requirements<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided as part of an approved plan of care• Participants must reside with the primary caregiver in either the participant’s or caregiver’s private home, which is the primary residence of both individuals• Structured family caregiving agency must establish an emergency back-up plan for instances when the caregiver is unable to provide care• Caregiver may not care for more than two participants
Relatives as caregivers	The participant and caregiver must be related, but the caregiver may not be a legally responsible adult, such as a spouse. (Note that temporarily and due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, spouses may become caregivers.)	Caregiver may be a non-family member, a family member (including spouse), or a legal guardian.	Caregiver may be a family member or a non-relative fictive kin (i.e., an individual who is not related by birth, adoption, or marriage but who has an emotionally significant relationship with the participant).

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Caregiver payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Structured family caregiving agencies support, oversee, and pay caregiversAgencies are paid a per diem of \$90.20 (temporarily increased to \$99.22 due to public health emergency)Agency must pass on at least 60 percent of the per diem to the caregiver as a stipend	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Structured family caregiving agencies support, oversee, and pay caregiversAgencies are paid per diem of \$74.76 effective July 1, 2022, which is 60 percent of the nursing facility daily rateThe agency must pass on at least 65 percent of the per diem as a stipend to the primary and substitute caregivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Structured family caregiving agencies support, oversee, and pay caregiversAgencies are paid one of three daily rates based on the needs of the participant; as of July 2022 they are \$73.14, \$91.43, and \$102.40At least 50 percent of the agency fee must be passed on as a stipend to the caregiver
Other caregiver supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Structured family caregiving agencies must provide at least eight hours/year of individual caregiver training to meet identified participant needsAccess to a health coachActive coordination with care managementAccess to a web-based information management system easily accessed by caregivers and available to waiver case managers for shared participantsAvailability of other waiver services, including adult day health care and hourly respite servicesConsultation with an RN, as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Structured family caregiving agencies must provide at least eight hours/year of training on participant-specific services based on assessed needTraining may be delivered during monthly home visits, through secure electronic communication methods, or in another formatTraining shall include an overview of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and methods of communicating with persons with dementia. In-service training curricular shall include updates on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementiaAgencies must provide access to an electronic interface that caregivers use for daily notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Structured family caregiving agencies must conduct a comprehensive caregiver assessment and establish a plan for educating, coaching, and supporting the caregiverAgency must provide individualized initial and ongoing coaching to the caregiverAccess to other waiver services, including adult day services and respite care
Allowable caregiver services	<p>Caregiver is responsible for supporting the participant to maximize the highest level of independence possible by providing care and support, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervision or assistance in performing activities of daily living (ADLs)Supervision or assistance in performing instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs)Protective supervision provided solely to ensure the health and welfare of the participantSupervision or assistance with health-related tasksSupervision or assistance while escorting/accompanying the member outside the home	<p>Services must be provided as part of an approved person-centered pan of care and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Homemaker care services related to needed IADLsAttendant care services related to needed ADLsMedication oversightEscorting for necessary appointmentsA substitute caregiver, chosen by the participant and employed by the agencySupportive and health-related attendant and homemaker services that substitute for the absence, loss, diminution, or impairment of a physical or cognitive function	<p>Caregiver provides the participant assistance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Personal careSupervisionCueingMealsHomemakerChore servicesMedication management (to the extent permitted under state law)Other IADLs, such as transportation for necessary appointments, shopping, and managing finances

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Service reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The caregiver must make daily notes on services provided in a “secure, HIPAA-compliant electronic format”• The structured family caregiving agency must use the information to monitor participant health and caregiver support needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The caregiver must make daily notes on services provided on an electronic interface that is provided by the structured family caregiving agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The caregiver must make regular notes on services provided
Enrollment cap	The number of waiver participants is capped but not the number of waiver participants who may receive SFC services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual limit if a participant leaves the program slots may not be re-used during the waiver year• Current cap is 300	The number of waiver participants is capped but not the number of waiver participants who may receive SFC services
Policies to balance cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Per diem stipend is equal to the cost of five hours of extended personal support services, which is the criteria for qualifying for the service• Separate payment will not be made for personal support or extended personal support service, alternative living services, or home-delivered meals	Those who choose this waiver may not receive any other LTSS or HCBS.	Separate payment for meals, homemaker services, and/or chore services will not be provided.

Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elderly and disabled waiver• EDWP and CCSP and SOURCE general services manual and personal services manual, which can be found on the Georgia Department of Community Health website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicaid waiver page• Home and Community Based Services Manual• Missouri Statutes §208.896	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Dakota Structured Family Caregiving Guide• FY2022 Structured Family Caregiving Provider Provision• Fee schedule• Home and Community-Based Options and Person-Centered Excellence (HOPE) Waiver
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