



Medicaid in Michigan: Focus on Home-Based and Hospice Services

An Overview of Medicaid-Supported In-Home and End-of-
Life Care

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Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

- Michigan's Medicaid HCBS waivers allow seniors and individuals with disabilities to receive care in their homes instead of institutions. Services include personal care, homemaking, skilled nursing, respite, and adult day services.

MI Choice Waiver Program

- The MI Choice Waiver provides home-based alternatives to nursing home care for adults 65+ or with disabilities. Services include case management, home modifications, meal delivery, and in-home nursing.
- As of 2024, over 15,000 Michiganders are served annually.

Medicaid-Covered Home Health Services

- Intermittent skilled nursing
 - Physical, occupational, and speech therapy
 - Medical social work
 - Home health aide services
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- Eligibility is based on medical necessity and physician orders.

Medicaid Hospice Benefit

- Medicaid covers hospice services for terminally ill beneficiaries with a prognosis of six months or less. Services include pain management, symptom control, counseling, and support for patients and families.
- Hospice care can be delivered at home, in facilities, or nursing homes.

Why Home-Based Services Matter

- Cost-effective alternative to institutional care
- Promotes independence and comfort
- Supports caregivers and reduces hospital readmissions
- Keeps people in their communities

Current Challenges

- Direct care workforce shortages
- Inconsistent access in rural areas
- Funding limitations and rising demand
- Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

“There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers. Those who are currently caregivers. Those who will be caregivers, and those who will need a caregiver.” — *Rosalyn Carter, Former First Lady of the United States*