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<p><b>Demographics</b></p>	<p>Number American Indians/Alaska Natives (2000 Census) – 158,940          Number American Indians/Alaska Natives 65 and over (2000 Census) – 8,020</p>
<p><b>State Medicaid Spending &amp; Eligibles (persons enrolled in the Medicaid program)</b></p>	<p>Spending, Personal Care (2002) - \$203,784,210          Spending, 1915(c) aged/disabled waiver (2002) – \$ 293,544,866          Total number persons enrolled in Medicaid (2000) – 916,838          Number “aged” persons enrolled in Medicaid (2000) – 69,054          Number “blind/disabled” persons enrolled in Medicaid (2000) – 121,662          Number persons served by 1915(c) aged or aged/disabled waiver (2000) –25,713          Number persons served by 1915(c) aged or aged/disabled waiver (1999) –25,718          Number AIAN persons enrolled in Medicaid (1998) –25,583          Number of AIAN persons receiving waiver services (2000-IHS) –0</p>
<p><b>Services reimbursed by home and community based care programs (1915c waiver and state plan PCS)</b></p>	<p>Washington State has two home and community based waivers: COPES and Medically Needy Residential Waiver (MNRW). The COPES waiver covers personal care services in home and in residential settings (adult family homes and boarding homes). COPES also covers 9 other services if eligible: home delivered meals, PERS (personal emergency response system), skilled nursing, environmental modifications, home health aide, specialized medical equipment, client training, adult day care, transportation. MNRW covers personal care in boarding homes and adult family homes. Other MNRW services include skilled nursing, client training, specialized medical equipment and transportation. DSHS provides these services.</p> <p>State Plan services offer personal care services in your own home, adult family homes or boarding homes.</p>
<p><b>Requirements for participation as a providing agency for those in-home non-medical services (e.g. homemaker).</b></p>	<p>Personal care can be provided by individual providers or home care agencies. Home care agencies have contracts that are monitored by the Area Agency on Aging. Individual providers are contracted and have to pass the training requirements and background checks. These requirements can be found in WAC 388-71-0500 through 388-71-05952  <a href="http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/default.htm#hc">http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/default.htm#hc</a></p>
<p><b>Eligibility requirements for elders for those programs</b></p>	<p>Personal care services will require one substantial need or three minimal for direct personal care tasks as defined in WAC 388-71-0440 as of September 1, 2003. <a href="http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/default.htm#hc">http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/default.htm#hc</a></p> <p>The state has filed an emergency rule to increase this eligibility due to funding deficits.</p>

	<p>There is no requirement for MD to order these services. Medicaid state plan services for home health requires a MD order.</p> <p>Waiver services are available to aged, blind and disabled adults 18+. Eligibility can be found in WAC 388-71-0435 for COPES and 388-71-0442 for MNRW.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/default.htm#hc">http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/default.htm#hc</a></p>		
<b><i>Expected length of time from application to initiation of services for elders eligible for services</i></b>	<p>State plan personal care services (MPC) and waiver services can occur simultaneously. Both programs require a financial and functional eligibility. Washington has a response time of 24 hrs to 5 days to contact clients upon request for services. If clients are at risk of institutional placement, they must be seen within 2 working days. After a comprehensive assessment, it is expected that services begin within a short period of time. Washington has initiated a fast track process for both programs that will begin the personal care services up to 90 days before financial eligibility can be established.</p>		
<b><i>Tribal organizations or programs currently serving as providers under those programs.</i></b>	<p>Dan Dowler has provided the following information. He can be reached at the State Unit on Aging for ADSA at 360-725-2554 or email at <a href="mailto:dowledm@dshs.wa.gov">dowledm@dshs.wa.gov</a>.</p> <p>Area Agency on Aging contracts with tribes for home care agencies. ADSA has direct contracts with the Lummi Tribe and SPIPA who provide home care services for their tribal elders through a direct contract with the State Unit on Aging. In addition, both the Colville Nation and Yakima Nation are recognized AAA's and provide a variety of waiver services directly.</p> <p>Any other tribes providing home care services or other waiver services would be known to the remaining AAA network (11 other agencies). The latest directory for the AAA network is attached and it is recommended to make direct contact with the AAA's for specific contractors that are American Indian and providing services for these AAA's. <a href="http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/ltc_cop/CONTACTS.HTM">http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/ltc_cop/CONTACTS.HTM</a>.</p> <p>The Washington State Plan on Aging contains a specific plan for outreach to American Indians. See p. 90 at: <a href="http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/documents/state_plan_on_aging.pdf">http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/documents/state_plan_on_aging.pdf</a>.</p>		
<b><i>Other information</i></b>	<p>A good brochure on long term care services and Medicaid eligibility in Washington is available at <a href="http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/Library/medicaid.pdf">http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/Library/medicaid.pdf</a>. Note: Washington lists personal care services as a service subject to estate recovery.</p> <p>Chore and Personal Care worker (independent plan/consumer directed) payment per hour \$8.43 as of Oct 1, 2003(2003); agency rate \$14.27</p>		
<b><i>For further information about becoming providers for those programs</i></b>			
<b><i>State Home Care Association</i></b>	<table> <tr> <td><b><i>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</i></b> Donna Cameron <a href="http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/default.htm#hc">Home Care Association of Washington</a></td> <td><b><i>PRESIDENT/CHAIRPERSON</i></b> Jay Crosby Professional Registry of Nursing</td> </tr> </table>	<b><i>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</i></b> Donna Cameron <a href="http://www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/default.htm#hc">Home Care Association of Washington</a>	<b><i>PRESIDENT/CHAIRPERSON</i></b> Jay Crosby Professional Registry of Nursing
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NOTE: Please contact the State Medicaid office for the most recent information available concerning statistics as well as program eligibility and services.

## **Data Sources**

Persons working in each state's Medicaid office provided most of the narrative data in the state summaries. We obtained most of the statistical data from published sources, as noted below.

Spending, Personal Care (2002)

“Medicaid Long Term Care Expenditures, FY2002” provided by MEDSTAT at [http://www.hcbs.org/hcbs\\_data.htm](http://www.hcbs.org/hcbs_data.htm)

Spending, 1915(c) aged/disabled waiver (2002)

“Medicaid HCBS Waiver Expenditures, FY2002” Table 1, provided by MEDSTAT at [http://www.hcbs.org/hcbs\\_data.htm](http://www.hcbs.org/hcbs_data.htm)

Total number persons enrolled in Medicaid (2001)

MSIS statistical reports by state, Table 1, from CMS at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/msis/msis99sr.asp>

Number “aged” persons in Medicaid (2001)

MSIS statistical reports by state, Table 1 (basis of eligibility), from CMS at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/msis/msis99sr.asp>

Number “blind/disabled” persons in Medicaid (2001)

MSIS statistical reports by state, Table 1 (basis of eligibility), from CMS at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/msis/msis99sr.asp>

Number persons served by 1915(c) aged or aged/disabled waiver (2000)

National Association of State Medicaid Directors, 1915c Waivers Enrollment and Cost, at <http://www.nasmd.org/waivers/waivers.htm>

Number persons served by 1915(c) aged or aged/disabled waiver (1999)

Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Table 1, 1915(c) Medicaid Waiver Program (from HCFA Form 372), at <http://www.hcbs.org/data/kaiser/WaiverTable1.pdf>

Number AIAN persons enrolled in Medicaid (1998)

From 2082 Table 30, Medicaid Eligibles by Race/Ethnicity, from CMS at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/msis/MCD98T30.pdf>

Number of AIAN persons receiving waiver services (2000-IHS)

Special data provided from MSIS by CMS