

(c) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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(A) ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY TO THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR A HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WAIVER UNDER § 1915(C) OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (42 U.S.C. § 1396(N)) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE~~ INVESTIGATE DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEMS AND THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF APPLYING FOR A HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO ~~INDIVIDUALS~~ ADULTS WHO:

(1) HAVE FUNCTIONAL DISABILITIES, INCLUDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS;

~~(2) ARE AGE 60 OR OLDER;~~

~~(2)~~ (2) HAVE FAMILY INCOME NOT GREATER THAN 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL; AND

~~(3)~~ (3) WOULD OTHERWISE REQUIRE NURSING HOME INSTITUTIONALIZATION.

(B) THE SERVICES COVERED UNDER THE WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL MAY INCLUDE:

(1) ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY RESPITE CARE;

(2) ADULT DAY CARE;

(3) PERSONAL CARE;

(4) CASE MANAGEMENT; AND

(5) HOMEMAKER SERVICES.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PLACE A REASONABLE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS OR ON THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE STATE INCLUDED IN THE WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~the~~:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Alzheimer's Association, the Department of Human Resources, and other interested parties, shall conduct a study to determine the number and characteristics of adults with functional disabilities, including individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders who might would qualify for and benefit most from the Medicaid waiver under Section 1 of this Act and for whom the waiver would be most cost effective.

(b) As part of the study, the Department shall work with the Department of Human Resources to determine whether new general funds would be necessary for the waiver and in what amount.