

GLOBAL OPTIONS – COMMUNITY BASED MEDICAID PROGRAM

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Effective January 1, 2009, three (3) Medicaid supported home and community based service programs were combined into one (1) program and are now known as Global Options (GO) for long term care.

The consolidation improves access to a wider range of in home long term supportive services for a greater number of seniors and adults with physical disabilities who meet the income, asset and nursing facility level of care requirements established by Medicaid. GO participants have the options to hire and direct their own service providers. GO is designed to supplement - not replace - the assistance already being provided by family, friends and neighbors. By providing a flexible package of services and support, GO strengthens the ability of Caregivers to continue in their vital roll of primary support providers. GO participants work with the Care Manager to create an individualized plan of care based on a comprehensive assessment of the participants health care needs. Once the plan of care is approved, community based services are put in place and monitored to insure quality and effectiveness.

Who is Eligible for GO?

A GO individual is a person who is a U.S. Citizen or a qualified alien assessed by the State Community Choice Counsel or a Aging and Disability Resource Connection Assessor as clinically and financially eligible for Medicaid nursing facility level of care. An applicant must be 65 years or older or between the ages of 21 and 64 who shall be determined disabled by the Social Security Administration or be determined disabled by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. Additionally, eligibility depends on whether there is an indication that the participant will need the level of care provided in a hospital, a nursing facility or an intermediate care facility in the near future (for example, a month or less) unless he or she receives home and community based services.

Are There Limits to GO Services?

Yes, the service package is based on the assessment of the individual care needs and is developed in collaboration with a Care Manager. Please visit the website of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Aging and Community Services, at www.aging.nj.gov or call 1-877-222-3737.