

Elderly and Disability Services Division (EDSD)



TIP SHEET

What is the mission of New Mexico's Aging & Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)?

The mission of the Department is to promote the independence and dignity of adults and persons living with disabilities and their families by offering services that support independence, health, safety, economic well-being, cultural diversity, community involvement, and personal responsibility, thereby enabling them to live on their own terms in their own communities.

What is the role of the Elderly and Disability Services Division (EDSD) in the context of ALTSD's mission?

The Elderly and Disability Services Division is responsible for the administration of the following programs:

- Medicaid Coordination of Long-Term Services Program;
 - CoLTS Home and Community Based Waiver (formerly known as the D&E Waiver) program;
 - Personal Care Option program;
- Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE);
- GAP Program
- Mi Via, New Mexico's Medicaid Self-Directed Waiver program; and
- Brain Injury Services & Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund program.

These programs provide support to enable older adults and individuals with disabilities to remain in their own homes and communities or to return to their homes from a nursing facility or institution. The Division also advocates for each consumer to live in the least restrictive environment, and provides education and training for consumers, case managers, and direct service providers.

What is a Medicaid Home & Community-Based Waiver?

Some of the programs offered by ALTSD's EDSD are called "waivers". A Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver is an option which allows states to provide long-term services to people in their homes and communities instead of institutions. Waiver programs are designed to meet the long-term service needs of people with serious conditions, who would otherwise require the level of care provided in one of the following institutional settings: Intermediate Care Facility for Mental Retardation (ICF-MR), Nursing Facility, or Skilled Nursing Facility/ Hospital.

For more information, visit:

http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/Elderly_Disability_Services_Division.html.

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