

## HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

### A Medicaid Waiver Program for Individuals with Physical Disabilities

The HCBS Case Management Team at Community Medical Center serves persons ages 0-65 years in the Mineral, Missoula, and Ravalli Counties.

#### **Program Eligibility**

To qualify for Home and Community Based Services an individual must:

1. Have a physical disability
2. Be deemed disabled by Social Security
3. Require a nursing home level of care
4. Be Medicaid eligible

Individuals that would not normally meet Medicaid's financial limitations for eligibility may qualify for Medicaid eligibility under the Home and Community Based Services program, but may be required to pay a monthly incurment or spenddown amount to Medicaid to be eligible, this includes individuals who receive SSDI (Social Security Disability Income). Individuals with disabilities who have spouses that are working may qualify under spousal impoverishment, which means that all or part of the spouse's income may be excluded from the household income amount. For more details, please contact your local Office of Public Assistance. In Missoula County call (406) 329-1200, Ravalli County (406) 363-1944.

The Home & Community Based Services program does have a limited number of slots available to serve persons, so there is a wait list for the program. The wait list is arranged by persons with the highest degree of need being admitted to the program first as opposed to persons being admitted on a first come first served basis.

Once a Home and Community Based Services Case Management Team (CMT) receives a nursing home level of care screening from the Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation the person is placed on the wait list immediately. The CMT then schedules and completes a home visit assigning the person priority on the wait list using the DPHHS Waiting List Criteria Tool. At this visit, they also explain the program to the person and discuss available service options.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving Home & Community Based Services, please call the Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation to make a referral: 1-800-219-7035.

Additional questions/comments about services provided can be directed to our office at (406) 327-4585.