



# VALUE OF A WAIVER

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# WHAT IS A MEDICAID WAIVER?

➤ An AGREEMENT WITH  
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES TO “WAIVE”  
CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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# PRACTICALLY SPEAKING

- **HAVING A WAIVER ALLOWS THE STATE TO:**
  - EXPAND ELIGIBILITY –INCOME AND RESOURCES RULES APPLIED IN THE COMMUNITY
  - TARGET SERVICE GROUP – ELDERLY, PHYSICALLY DISABLED
  - EXPAND BENEFITS - ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO KEEP INDIVIDUAL INTEGRATED IN THE COMMUNITY
  - ABILITY TO RESTRICT ENROLLMENT



# EXAMPLE: “BIG SKY”

## TARGET SERVICE GROUP

- ELDERLY (>65)
- PHYSICALLY DISABLED

## ELIGIBILITY

- MEET NURSING FACILITY LEVEL OF CARE
- FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR LONG TERM CARE MEDICAID

## GOAL

- TO PROVIDE SERVICES & SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY TO DELAY OR PREVENT ADMISSION TO A NURSING HOME.

# EXAMPLE: “BIG SKY” (CONT.)

## EXPANDED SERVICES

- **HOME MODIFICATIONS**
  - RAMP, WIDENING DOORWAYS
- **ASSISTED LIVING**
  - CONGREGATE LIVING WITH SUPPORTS
  - COMMUNITY INTEGRATED
- **RESPIRE**
  - SERVICES DESIGNED TO GIVE CAREGIVER A BREAK