



Making Sense of Florida's Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long Term Care Program

“The Waiver”

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-term Care Program “Medicaid Waiver Program”

Area Agency on Aging
(AAA)

**Department of
Children & Families**
(DCF)

**Florida Department of
Elder Affairs**
(DOEA)

**Agency for Health
Care Administration**
(AHCA)

**Comprehensive
Assessment & Review for
Long-Term Care Services**
(CARES)

**Long Term Care
Managed Programs:**

Sunshine/Tango
United Health Care
American Eldercare

AAA, DCF, DOEA, AHCA, and CARES all communicate with each other behind the scenes...and they must **unanimously** determine that you meet all the eligibility requirements for the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long -Term Care Program (“**The Waiver**”)

Call the [Area Agency on Aging](#) ("AAA") and ask to be added to the "Waiting List" for the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care Program
239-652-6900



AAA will call you back in 24 - 48 hours and conduct an in-depth telephone interview



WAITING PERIOD

(3 months to 1 year)




The [Department of Elder Affairs](#) releases names from the waiting list on a statewide basis based on the state budget and funding. Eligibility for 'The Waiver' is determined on three levels: Age, Functional Ability & Financial Resources. Unlike Nursing Home Medicaid, Medicaid benefits for Assisted Living is not an entitlement and wait lists are common




When your name is chosen, you will receive a telephone call, a letter, and an introduction packet from the [Area Agency on Aging](#)




An assessment will be conducted by the CARES Unit of the Department of Elder Affairs to determine that you meet the established health criteria. This information is reported to the Department of Children & Families



You must complete an online Medicaid Application with the Department of Children & Families



30 - 90 day waiting period for Medicaid Approval



When your Medicaid Application is approved, the Department of Children & Families will send you an approval letter



The last step is to choose one of the 3 Long Term Care Managed Programs: (Sunshine Tango, American Elder Care, or United Health Care)

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WHAT IS AN ELDER LAW ATTORNEY?

An Elder Law Attorney is aware of the real life problems, health and otherwise, that seniors experience as they age. They are tied into a system of social workers, psychologists, geriatric care managers, and other elder care professionals who may be of assistance to their clients. Attorneys who work with the elderly bring more to their practice than just experience with the legal issues. They have an understanding of the elderly that allows them and their staff to ignore the myths related to aging. At the same time, they recognize and empathize with some of the true physical and mental difficulties that often accompany the aging process.

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