



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 22-0098
Proposal: Mot. 22-053

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Date: Feb. 7, 2022

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-053 which would approve and authorize an agreement between the county and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to implement the MAC/TSOA Implementation Grant¹.

Background

Section 1115 of the Social Security Act gives authority to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve demonstration projects that are found to be likely to assist in promoting the objectives of the Medicaid Program.² Washington State, as part of their Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP) has a demonstration project implementing Medicaid Alternative Care (MAC) and Tailored Supports for Older Adults (TSOA). Snohomish County's Human Services Division acts as the Area Agency on Aging, providing these services in Snohomish County.

Medicaid Alternative Care is a benefit for individuals who are eligible for Medicaid but not currently accessing Medicaid-funded long term supports and services (LTSS). This benefit provides services to unpaid caregivers to assist them in continuing to provide care while also focusing on their own health and well-being.

Tailored Supports for Older Adults establishes a new eligibility category and benefits for individuals at risk of future Medicaid LTSS who do not currently meet Medicaid financial eligibility criteria. This is designed to help individuals avoid or delay impoverishment and the need for Medicaid-funded services.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-053 approves the grant agreement between the county and DSHS for the county to implement the MAC and TSOA demonstration project.

Duration: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Fiscal Implications: \$1,652,333³ (\$739,000 in various personnel and operating objects and \$913,333 in Pass through)

2022 Budget: YES.

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: N/A (State form agreement)

Risk Management: YES

¹ [Medicaid Alternative Care and Tailored Supports for Older Adults \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov)

² [About Section 1115 Demonstrations | Medicaid](#)

³ Grant amount included in the 2022 Grant Work Plan was \$1,240,000

Executive Recommendation: YES

Analysis: This grant was approved by Motion 21-362⁴ as included in the 2022 Human Services Grant Work Plan. As the grant amount exceeds the amount included in the grant work plan by more than \$50,000, Council approval is required.

Attachments: N/A

Amendments: N/A

Request: Move motion to GLS on February 16th for Council to consider taking action.

⁴ [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2021-0782 \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com/View/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000)