

SB 21 Objectives and Strategies

- (1) To serve seniors and persons with disabilities in their own homes and community settings of their choosing;
- (2) To support independence and choice while postponing/avoiding the entry of individuals into publicly funded long term care; and
- (3) To serve individuals equitably, in a culturally and linguistically responsive manner.

Strategies recommended to address objectives of SB 21, based on data and research into the causes of entry and cost drivers of Medicaid long term services and supports:

Develop, build, support, and maintain strong research, data, and reporting systems that inform, support and provide insight into the future needs related to objectives 1-3 and strategies employed by the state and that contribute to the measuring of progress towards goals while providing predictive modeling for future needs.

- *Create centralized, statewide mechanisms to recruit and improve the quality and portability of the LTSS workforce in order to ensure an adequate supply of caregivers to meet consumer needs.*
- *Plan for and monitor "emerging models of consumer-directed and person-centered service delivery," as all consumers have a right, a choice, and an entitlement to home and community based services as well as nursing facility services.*
- *Improve Coordination of services between LTSS and health care systems and mental health and addictions services.*
- *Promotion statewide of livable, accessible and age friendly communities.*
- *Continue building, evaluating and where necessary, modifying a statewide Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) infrastructure.*
- *Enhance and Promote Innovative and Evidence-based Prevention Services Packages.*
- *Enhance and create sustainable resources for systems of support, training, respite and policy protections for paid and unpaid caregivers.*
- *Support, encourage, and apply technologies and adaptive equipment designed to improve services and outcomes at all levels.*
- *Service Equity:*
 - *Create and invest in outreach and engagement to underserved communities.*
 - *Develop a culturally and linguistically responsive workforce.*
 - *Improve data collection, analysis, and reporting on service equity.*