# Medicaid in Michigan: Focus on Home-Based and Hospice Services

An Overview of Medicaid-Supported In-Home and End-of-Life Care

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# Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

- Michigan's Medicaid HCBS waivers allow seniors and individuals with disabilities to receive care in their homes instead of institutions. Services include personal care, homemaking, skilled nursing, respite, and adult day services.

# MI Choice Waiver Program

- The MI Choice Waiver provides home-based alternatives to nursing home care for adults 65+ or with disabilities. Services include case management, home modifications, meal delivery, and in-home nursing.

- As of 2024, over 15,000 Michiganders are served annually.

# Medicaid-Covered Home Health Services

- Intermittent skilled nursing
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Medical social work
- Home health aide services

- Eligibility is based on medical necessity and physician orders.

# Medicaid Hospice Benefit

- Medicaid covers hospice services for terminally ill beneficiaries with a prognosis of six months or less. Services include pain management, symptom control, counseling, and support for patients and families.

- Hospice care can be delivered at home, in facilities, or nursing homes.

# Why Home-Based Services Matter

- Cost-effective alternative to institutional care
- Promotes independence and comfort
- Supports caregivers and reduces hospital readmissions
- Keeps people in their communities

# Current Challenges

- Direct care workforce shortages
- Inconsistent access in rural areas
- Funding limitations and rising demand
- Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

**“There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers. Those who are currently caregivers. Those who will be caregivers, and those who will need a caregiver.”** *— Rosalyn Carter, Former First Lady of the United States*