



**State of Louisiana**  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of Aging and Adult Services

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Dear Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver Recipient:

Beginning October 1, 2011 a new program is replacing the Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver. The new program is called Community Choices Waiver.

All of the services that are in the EDA Waiver are in the Community Choices Waiver, but the Community Choices Waiver has several new services. These new services are listed on the enclosed page.

You can still get the same type of services you have now or you can replace some of those services with the new services. Many of the new services are meant to help you be safer and more independent in your home. We are still working to get providers for some of the new services, so some of them may not be available to you in your area right now. Your support coordinator can tell you more about which services are available in your area.

The new waiver will have service budget limits just like the EDA Waiver. The service budget limits are based on your assessment.

Your support coordinator will tell you more about this change or you may call the Help Line at the Office of Aging and Adult Services at 1-866-758-5035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hugh Eley".

Hugh Eley  
Assistant Secretary

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Enclosure

## Community Choices Waiver Implementation – Questions and Answers for Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver Recipients –

### What changes are being made?

The Community Choices Waiver is replacing the Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver. The Community Choices Waiver has all of the services in the EDA Waiver plus several new services.

### What are the new services in the Community Choices Waiver?

- Assistive Devices and Medical Supplies including Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Physical, Occupational, Speech and Respiratory Therapy
- Nursing Services
- Home Delivered Meal Services
- Caregiver Temporary Support Services or Respite
- Non-Medical Transportation

### What services will be included in the Community Choices Waiver?

Service Type	Current EDA Waiver	NEW Community Choices Waiver
Support Coordination	X	X
Transition Intensive Support Coordination	X	X
Transition Service (provided to people leaving nursing homes)	X	X
Personal Assistance Service (one-to-one care)	X	X
Adult Day Health Care	X	X
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations	X	X
Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)	X	*
Assistive Devices and Medical Supplies (*includes PERS)		X
Skilled Maintenance Therapy Services (Physical, Occupational, Speech and Respiratory Therapies)		X
Nursing Services		X
Home Delivered Meal Services		X
Caregiver Temporary Support Services (Respite)		X
Non-Medical Transportation		X

### When will this change take place?

The Community Choices Waiver will begin on October 1, 2011.

### Do I need to do anything?

Your current services will continue. These new services will be offered to you at your next reassessment or you may contact your support coordinator if you are interested in receiving one or more of these new services.

### Will the amount of services I get change?

The Community Choices Waiver service budget limits are based on your assessment just like the EDA Waiver. The service budget limits are the same for the Community Choices Waiver and the EDA Waiver. However, you will have the option to use part of your service budget on the new services that are available in the Community Choices Waiver.

### Who should I call if I have questions?

You should call your support coordinator or the Office of Aging and Adult Services' Help Line at 1-866-758-5035.