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## Maryland Selected to Receive Technical Assistance to Improve Access to Long Term Services and Supports

Baltimore, MD - The Maryland Department of Aging and the Maryland Department of Health today announced that Maryland has been selected to receive intensive technical assistance from ADvancing States to improve access to long term services and supports, including person-centered care at home and in the community. The technical assistance will help the state better coordinate services, promote awareness, and develop a quality assurance and sustainability plan that builds provider capacity and reduces waitlist times.

“When older Marylanders, people living with disabilities, and caregivers receive services they need when and where they need them, they are able to live life on their terms,” said Maryland Department of Health Secretary Dr. Laura Herrera Scott. “We want to create a modern, data-driven system that meets the long term needs of all Marylanders by providing enhanced access to care at home and in the community.”

“As the cost of care increases and access to home care workers declines nationwide, older Marylanders are struggling to find long-term care services that are accessible, affordable, coordinated, and unique to their individual needs,” said Maryland Department of Aging Secretary Carmel Roques. “With support from ADvancing States, our state-funded long term care options and MAP screening will be refined to better prioritize and meet the needs of the growing population of older people who need assistance to remain healthy at home.”

Through the program, ADvancing States - a national nonprofit association for state government departments on aging and disabilities - will provide intensive technical consultation over the next 18 months to enhance Maryland’s aging in place services and supports infrastructure. Technical assistance will help Maryland create a more robust continuum of care, utilizing data and policy to improve the user experience, streamline referrals for those most in need, and create more effective plans of care for those unable to access Medicaid home- and community-based options.

The opportunity builds on the current collaboration between the Departments of Health and Aging to provide access to information and services that address long term care needs, including Maryland Access Point, the state’s aging and disability resource center. Taking part in this national program also aligns with Governor Moore’s recent executive order to implement the Longevity Ready Maryland plan to promote initiatives that sustain a cost-effective, quality-driven, coordinated long-term care system.

ADvancing States’ expertise in utilizing and blending multiple funding sources from state Medicaid and aging and disabilities providers will propel Maryland to develop strategies that improve coordination across state agencies, identify a variety of partners to increase the capacity of the care network, and integrate technology to connect Marylanders to long term supports and services in new ways.



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