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PRESS RELEASE

MEDICAID PROGRAMS COVER EXTENDED MEDICAL CARE

Medicaid may help pay for long-term care in a facility, your community or your home. Known as *Medicaid for Long-Term Care*, the program may help if the individual or couple are determined eligible under the North Carolina Medicaid rules. It is important to understand the requirements for long-term care programs. For example, there are restrictions on income and resources. There are also rules on transferring assets and estate recovery.

To help with nursing facilities, your income must be less than the cost of care in the facility at the Medicaid rate. Also, Medicaid must approve the need for the level of care and you must use some of your income to help pay for the cost of care. This is called the “patient monthly liability.” Medicaid will pay the rest to the facility. Your spouse can keep all of the income he/she receives for himself/herself. He or she may be able to receive some of your income as well.

Under the *Community Alternatives Programs* (CAP) Medicaid offers home and community-based services to children and adults with disabilities who are at risk for institutionalization in a nursing home. There are two primary programs: (1) Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C) and (2) Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA). A third option, CAP/Choice, provides adults with more control over the types of services received, when and where they are provided and who delivers the services. Choice is available under the CAP/DA program.

Money Follows the Person helps Medicaid-eligible individuals who live in hospitals, nursing homes or intermediate care facilities for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities return to their own homes and communities.

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provides care to the individual in the home, such as in-home personal care services and home health care. PACE provides a PACE Center that includes a primary care clinic, therapy, personal care and dining. To be eligible to participate in PACE, you must: Be 55 years of age or older; Need the same level of care for Medicaid nursing facility services; Live in a PACE organization’s service area; Be able to live in a community setting without jeopardizing your health or safety; and Meet other conditions listed in the PACE organization’s agreement.

For more information about Medicaid visit the North Carolina Division of Health Benefits (DHB) website at www.medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ or call your local DSS. In Randolph County, call 336-683-8000.

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