

GUIDE – A new CMS program that can offer support to families caring for an adult with an intellectual disability and dementia



What is GUIDE?

GUIDE stands for Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience and is a new alternative payment model established by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to provide quality care for people with dementia. Services include comprehensive person-centered assessments and care plans, care coordination, and 24/7 access to a support line. This approach is intended to allow people with dementia, including people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, to remain safely at home longer and improve their quality of life and the lives of their caregivers.

Eligibility:

- Diagnosis of dementia
- Medicare as primary payer
- Enrolled in Medicare Parts A & B (but not enrolled in Medicare Advantage, including Special Needs Plans or PACE programs)
- Does not receive Medicare hospice benefit
- Not a long-term nursing home resident but can live in a group home.

Services Included



Comprehensive Assessment



Comprehensive Care Planning



Ongoing Monitoring and Support



Referrals and Service Coordination



Medication Management



Respite Services (\$2,500 annually)



24/7 Access



Care Coordination



Caregiver Education and Support

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WAIVER SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



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