

HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES POLICY

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I. DEFINITION

Health Support Services are those services that help individuals and families to recognize health needs including those related to alcohol and drug abuse and to secure needed health services available under Medicaid, Medicare, maternal and child health programs or other agency health services Programs and from other public or private agencies or providers of health services; counseling and planning, as appropriate, with individuals, families and health providers to help assure continuity of treatment and implementation of health recommendations; assisting consumers with recommended eye care procedures for conditions such as diabetes and glaucoma, and with follow-up appointments for eye conditions; and helping individuals to secure admission to medical institutions and other health-related facilities as needed.

II. TARGET POPULATION

A. Persons who need assistance in order to fully and appropriately utilize Adjustment Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

B. Persons whose level of health care is inadequate.

III. GOALS

A. Personal Self-Sufficiency

B. Preventing or Reducing Inappropriate Institutional Care

C. Preventing or Remediating Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation

IV. STRATEGIES

Health Support Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be a means of pursuing or maintaining consumer goals in the following ways:

- Supporting the provision of prevention health services, thereby lessening the likelihood of eventual dependency.
- Supporting the removal of physical health barriers to personal care
- Aiding persons in maintaining the goal of personal self-sufficiency through health problem prevention.
- Preventing or Remediating Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation:
 - Providing the counseling and support necessary to prevent self-neglect and self-abuse by consumers.

-Providing support in remedial treatment of the health consequences of self-abuse and neglect or abuse and neglect by others after they have occurred.