



The Balancing Incentive Program and Caregivers

- ❖ The Affordable Care Act created the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP), which helps states provide quality care in the most appropriate, least restrictive setting.

Balancing Incentive

- ❖ Increases the Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to States that make structural reforms to increase nursing home diversions and access to non-institutional LTSS.
- ❖ Enhanced matching payments are tied to the percentage of a State's LTSS spending, with lower FMAP increases going to States that need to make fewer reforms.

Balancing Incentive

- ❖ To participate in the Balancing Incentive Program, a State must have spent less than 50% of total Medicaid medical assistance expenditures on non-institutionally based LTSS for fiscal year 2009.
- ❖ States must also submit an application that meets programmatic and structural reform requirements.

- ❖ Requires *structural reforms* to increase access to Medicaid *community based* long-term services and supports (LTSS).
 - **Create a “no wrong door”** to provide a single point of information and allow individuals to provide demographic information once.
 - **Core standardized assessment instruments:** ensure all assessment instruments cover mandated “domains”
 - **Ensure “conflict-free” case management** in all programs
 - All objectives must be met by September 30, 2015

Projected Funding for CMS-Approved Balancing Incentive Programs State Projected Funding (in millions)*

| State | Award |
|-------------|-------|
| Arkansas | \$61 |
| Connecticut | \$68 |
| Georgia | \$64 |
| Illinois | \$90 |
| Indiana | \$85 |
| Iowa | \$62 |
| Kentucky | \$26 |
| Louisiana | \$69 |
| Maine | \$21 |
| Maryland | \$106 |

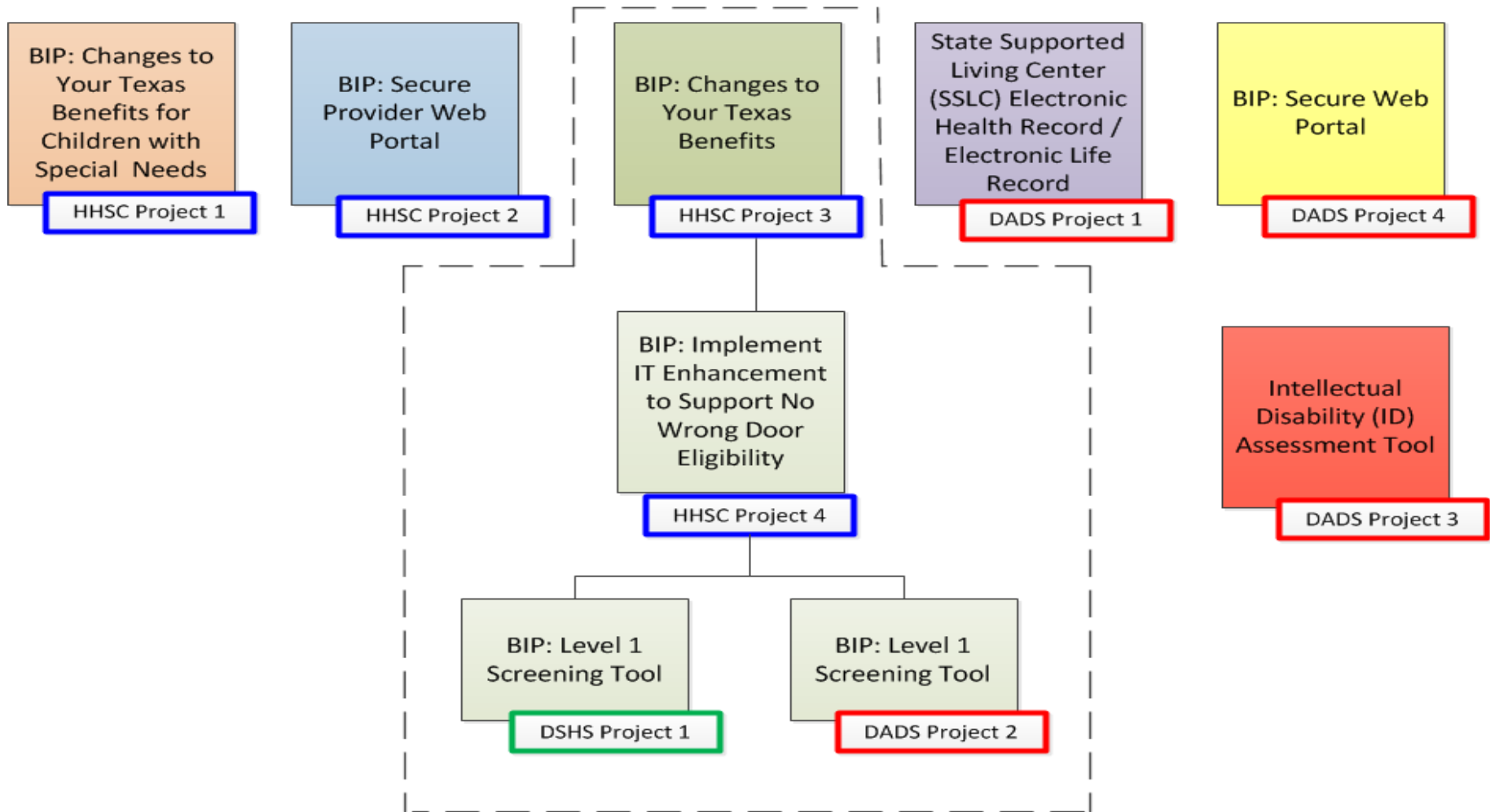
| State | Award |
|---------------|-------|
| Massachusetts | \$111 |
| Mississippi | \$68 |
| Missouri | \$110 |
| New Hampshire | \$26 |
| New Jersey | \$110 |
| New York | \$599 |
| Nevada | \$7 |
| Ohio | \$169 |
| Pennsylvania | \$94 |
| Texas | \$301 |

Texas BIP Initiatives



- ❖ Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) delegated the preparation of the application, work plan and management to the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).
- ❖ Overall project is a collaboration of HHSC, DADS and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

9 BIP Projects total - 3 Agency Interdependent Projects



❖ Relationship to Respite Care

- Level One (LTSS) Screen
- Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Expansion
- Integration of caregiver awareness in ADRCs
- Funding for specific caregiver services

Level One Screen



- ❖ **A short, easy to complete process that directs individuals to long term services and supports (LTSS) services for which *they may be eligible.***



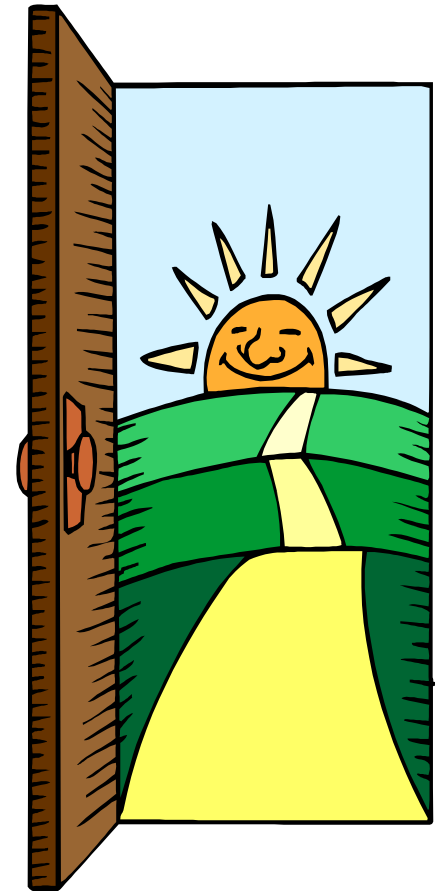
❖ LTSS Screen

- Efficient approach to needs assessment
- Simple, concise, easy to complete
- Individuals tell their story only once
- Most will be completed via web or phone, but may be done in person



❖ No Wrong Door

- A common screen used in all major entry points to the LTSS system
- Individuals have a uniform experience
- Directs individuals to participating LTSS Doors



Participating LTSS Doors

- ❖ **Aging and Disability Resources Centers (ADRC)**
- ❖ **Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)**
- ❖ **Local Authorities (LA)**
- ❖ **DADS Regional Office (RO)**
- ❖ **DADS Access and Intake Interest List (A&I IL)**
- ❖ **Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO)**
- ❖ **HHSC STAR+ Program Support Unit (PSU)**
- ❖ **Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)**
- ❖ **Outreach, Screening, Assessment, and Referral Centers (OSARs)**



❖ Advantages to Individuals

- Receive assistance from programs for which they may be eligible
- Find the right help more easily
- Tell their story only once



❖ Advantages to intake workers

- Less time gathering demographic information
- More time providing personal assistance
- System automatically produces referrals
- Individual contact history is maintained



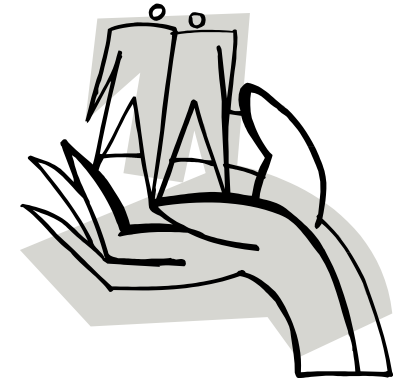
❖ Advantages to organizations (Doors)

- Provides enrollment and referral information for the individual
- Reduces need for in-depth understanding of other programs
- Consistent evaluation of individual's LTSS needs



❖ Advantages to Caregivers

- First comprehensive, multi-agency effort to identify and assist caregivers and direct them to services they need



❖ Advantages to Caregivers

- Identifies caregivers as part of routine business operation
- Collects demographic information on caregivers
- Collects information on caregiver need
- Refers caregivers to appropriate services
- Refers caregivers to services they may not have even known they need



❖ Screen Questions - Demographic

- Name
- Residence
- Address where services will be delivered
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Race/ethnicity
- Social Security Number
- Caregiver information
- Military service



❖ Screen Questions

- Determination of LTSS need
- Need for benefits counseling
- Caregiver need
- Nursing facility risk
- Referral to programs with Interest Lists
- Behavioral health



Aging and Disability Resource Center Expansion



- ❖ ADRCs serve as single points of entry into the long-term supports and services system for older adults and people with disabilities.
- ❖ Sometimes referred to as a “one-stop shops” or “no wrong door” systems that coordinate existing aging and disability service systems.

- ❖ Prior to September 2014, Texas had 14 ADRCs representing 71 counties
 - 64 percent of the approximately 3,926,000 Texans age 60+ resided in a county within an existing ADRC region.

- ❖ 183 of the 254 counties in Texas were not served by an ADRC



- ❖ Texas now has 22 ADRCs representing all 254 counties
 - ADRCs participate in monthly technical assistance calls
 - A standardized operations manual is being developed for ADRCs

❖ How this Helps Caregivers

- Monthly technical assistance calls include training and information on respite care
- Operations manual includes a chapter on caregivers
- ADRCs will be administering LTSS screen
- ADRCs advised to identify caregivers as part of Options Counseling



❖ How this helps Caregivers

- Large scale marketing campaign to direct people to ADRCs for long-term services and supports
- Marketing campaign targeted to caregivers
- Comprehensive assessment of caregiver needs



Other BIP Initiatives



❖ **New Hampshire**

- Registry of respite care providers

❖ **Your state?**

How to Impact BIP



- ❖ Contact state Medicaid provider
- ❖ Find state BIP application
 - ❖ <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Balancing/Balancing-Incentive-Program.html>
- ❖ Find who is working on LTSS Screen
- ❖ Find out who is working with ADRCs

Questions & Feedback?

