Long-Term Care in Florida
A Policy Blueprint

Office of Long-Term Care Policy
Report to Governor Jeb Bush
And the Florida Legislature
Florida’s Long-Term Care Costs Are Lower Than Other States

- **Nursing Home Expenditures Per 65+**
  - Florida: $1,242
  - Oregon: $1,500
  - US: $1,500

- **All Long-Term Care Expenditures Per 65+**
  - Florida: $942
  - Oregon: $2,224
  - US: $2,658

- **Percent of 65+ Population in Nursing Facilities**
  - Florida: 2.5%
  - Oregon: 2.3%
  - US: 4.2%
Long-Term Trends in Demand

Florida benefits from favorable conditions

- Lower rates of Medicaid use among elders
- Declining rates of disabilities
- Favorable long-term care nursing home utilization trends expected to carry for another 25 years
Trends in Supply

Positive

- Emergence of ALF industry
- Well-developed network of HCBS providers
- Good job at containing growth in nursing home bed use

Negative

- Per diem rates growing 5% over inflation
There are almost as many ALF beds as nursing home beds in Florida.
Medicaid Nursing Home Budgets
Growing Faster than Caseloads

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**Relative Growth**

- Medicaid Bed Utilization
- Nursing Home Budget Growth

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**Chart Details**

- Y-axis: Relative Growth
- X-axis: Years (1991 to 2001)

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**Graph Analysis**

- Medicaid Bed Utilization shows a steady increase.
- Nursing Home Budget Growth shows a sharp increase from 1991 to 2001.
Medicaid Nursing Home Budget Projected Growth

- **2003 Dollars**
  - $2.1 Billion in 2003
  - $5.5 Billion in 2020

- **Per diem increase equal to inflation**
  - $2.5 Billion

- **Per diem increase equal to 5% over inflation**
  - $5.5 Billion
To control the growth in the public cost of long-term care

The Office of Long-Term Care Policy Advisory Council recommends the adoption of a set of policies to address issues identified in four broad policy areas.
Policy Areas

- Access (4 Policies)
- Coordination and Integration (5 Policies)
- Financing and Resources (4 Policies)
- Quality and Evaluation (3 Policies)
Access

1. Long-term care options are to be available on the basis of service need, regardless of geographic, cultural or financial differences (12);

2. The long-term care system is to be accessible through multiple points, supported by a single administrative entity (9);

3. Specific programs to enable caregivers to provide care for at-risk persons in the community will be supported (10); and

4. The long-term care system will include programs for prevention, maintenance, early intervention and restoration (6).
Coordination/Integration

1. The long-term care system must reduce the level of fragmentation and duplication of services (17);

2. Long-term care services and programs will be coordinated across state agencies (13);

3. Coordination between acute care and long-term care is to be supported and encouraged (6);

4. Mental health, substance abuse and other social support services are to be integrated with long-term care (10); and

5. Continuity of care is to be emphasized and enforced in the long-term care system (6).
Financing/Resources

1. The effective and efficient utilization of all funding resources will be maximized through greater personal and community responsibility (10);

2. The effective and efficient utilization of all funding resources will be maximized through private sector involvement (6);

3. The effective and efficient utilization of all funding resources will be maximized through contracting, administrative and financing innovations (14); and

4. The long-term care system will safeguard the financial integrity of assessment, case management and service provision (4).
Quality/Evaluation

1. The development and training of a quality long-term care workforce will be supported (11);

2. The long-term care system will have a person-centered performance measurement system based on outcomes (9); and

3. A long-term care information management system, with a focus on outcome measures, is necessary and will be promoted and supported (4).
Implementing Strategies

- Remodel Long-Term Care Delivery System
  - Aging Resource Center
  - Interagency Team
- Foster more competitive market environment
  - Existing network of community providers to be strengthened to transition to competitive environment
- Strengthen Caregiver Support Programs
- Foster healthy ALF industry
- Basic array of services throughout Florida
Implementing Strategies (cont)

- Long-Term Care financing systems must have:
  - Predictably
  - Prioritization
  - Expand options to all regardless of geography and ability to pay
Next Steps for the Office of Long-Term Care Policy

Interagency workgroup

Assist DOEA, AHCA and DCF to implement the Aging Resource Center

Coordinate LTC evaluatory activities to ensure a system wide approach

Work with key stakeholders to integrate LTC with acute care