



AGING SERVICES OF NORTH CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

Formerly the Montachusett Home Care Corporation

# Frail Elder Waiver

## What is FEW?

- The Frail Elder Waiver is a Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver
  - Designed to support frail elders aged 60 and older who meet the care level for a nursing facility but prefer to stay in the community.
- This is a partnership between MassHealth and the Aging Service Access Point (ASAP) network
  - Financial qualifications determined by MassHealth
  - The ASAP's Clinical assessment determines nursing facility eligibility and will be assessed by an ASAP nurse
- FEW also waives a spouse's income and assets from being considered when applying for MassHealth
- As part of this waiver, the FEW applicants must receive services from the ASAP agency

## Who is eligible?

- Age requirement means they must be over the age of 60
- Meet clinical requirements suitable for a nursing home
  - This will be assessed by an ASNCM nurse
- Need FEW services listed below
- Meet the financial requirements to qualify for MassHealth
  - For MassHealth this is making less than 300% of Federal SSI and a maximum of \$2,000 in assets

## What services can FEW provide?

**\*Home Delivered Meals\***

**\*Complex Care Training and Oversight (formerly Skilled Nursing)\***

**\*Personal Care\***

**\*Home Health Aide\***

**\*Home Delivery of Pre-packaged Medication\***

**\*Supportive Home Care Aide\***

Goal Engagement Program

Alzheimer's/Dementia Coaching

Evidence Based Education Programs

**\*Chore\***

**\*Enhanced Technology/(PERS) GPS**

**Personal Emergency Response System\***

**\*Transportation\***

**\*Respite\***

**\*Home Safety/Independence Evaluations (formerly Occupational Therapy)\***

**\*Companion\***

Home Based Wandering Response

Systems

Laundry

**\*Supportive Day Program\***

**\*Grocery Shopping and Delivery\***

**\*Homemaker\***

**\*Medication Dispensing System\***

**\*Environmental Accessibility Adaptation\***

**\*Orientation and Mobility Services\***

Peer Support

Transitional Assistance

**\* Denotes programs that are offered in North Central Massachusetts by ASNCM**

## How to enroll?

- To qualify for FEW an applicant must meet clinical and financial eligibility requirements
- To enroll the applicant should contact our agency Aging Services of North Central Massachusetts

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