

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Submission deadline: Thursday, May 28, 2020

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Recommendation:	<p>The Commission on Aging Legislative Subcommittee recommended the following policy option for consideration.</p> <p>Request support for funding a technology solution to streamline the application and enrollment process for all three home and community-based waiver services.</p> <p>This solution is intended to reduce the burden on individuals and their families as well as reduce wait times for essential services that keep older Nevadans and vulnerable Nevadans out of skilled nursing facilities.</p>
Background Information:	<p>The Commission on Aging (COA) Legislative Subcommittee voted to have this recommendation submitted to the legislative committee on senior citizens, veterans, and adults with special needs. The deadline for submission to the committee came before the larger COA could meet to vote on the submission. It is anticipated the COA will vote at the next meeting and provide a letter of support to the committee, but they did not want to miss the deadline for consideration of the committee.</p> <p>For years the Home and community-based waiver enrollment process has been cumbersome for individuals and families and can sometimes take many weeks or months for a determination, leaving vulnerable people without critical services and supports.</p>