

## RE: Step 1 &amp; 2 - per letter (3/25/21) from Jennifer Lewis on ADLS program

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Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021, 10:35 AM MDT

David,

Upon review of your e-mail below, it sounds as if the ADLS Waiver may not be the most appropriate. I have reviewed the other programs that are offered, and it sounds as if Structured Family Caregiving may fit your needs. You can find more about them at <https://dhs.sd.gov/ltss/titlexix.aspx>

<b>Structured Family Caregiving</b>	Structured family caregiving is a shared living arrangement that offers participants an opportunity to reside with a primary/principal caregiver in the participant's own home or in the home of the primary caregiver. The principal caregiver provides assistance with personal cares, supervision, cueing, meals, homemaker, chore services, medication management (to the extent permitted under State law), and other instrumental activities of daily living (e.g. transportation for necessary appointments and community activities, shopping, managing finances, and phone use). The goal of this service is to provide the participant with the opportunity to remain living in his/her community while receiving necessary care and supervision.	Services are based on assessed need as identified in the person centered care plan with a threshold equal to the average cost of nursing home care. Structured family caregiving is an option for any person who is 65 or over, or 18 or older with a disability that is interested in this type of living arrangement and is a current participant of the Home and Community Based Options and Person Centered Excellence (HOPE) waiver through the Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) or is eligible for the HOPE waiver.
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If you would like us to coordinate a referral to Structured Family Caregiving please let us know. Val will be in contact to discuss this more with you. Thank you.

Jennifer Lewis

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:33 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Step 1 & 2 - per letter (3/25/21) from Jennifer Lewis on ADLS program

David,

I have received your application for Long Term Care Medicaid and will be processing it this week. The approval process for Medicaid usually takes 30-45 days, however as I told you when we last spoke, I will do everything I can to expedite that process for you. You should be getting a Pending Notice this week (I will also email you a copy) and I will inform ADLS Coordinator (Val C) and ADLS Manager (Jennifer L) of your potential financial eligibility. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Nancy S. Giovanetti**

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**From:** David Schied <[deschied@yahoo.com](mailto:deschied@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 12:56 PM

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Dear Ms. Giovanetti and Ms. Clauser,

Please see the attachment as the basis for my writing with the both of you today about my completing the two-steps required according to Jennifer Lewis.

Ms. Giovanetti:

On Monday, I mailed back to you the "other" category of "application" in addition to the other application that Linda Williams assisted me with as sent to Jennifer Lewis. I completed your documents to the best of my ability with reference to the added support documents that I included in my package mailed to you, being as thorough as possible by reference to the "wrong" application initially sent to me by your office staff. I hope that my answers on your "form" and supporting documents provided clarity to the mess that the STATE OF MICHIGAN of things related to "benefits" owed and/or received or not received given the circumstances that included my being also a

proclaimed "refugee" and crime victim of agents of that STATE-legalized host of numerous operating crime syndicate.

Please let me know if you have need for further clarification or questions. Please also note that while I realize and am extremely grateful that South Dakota does things differently than Michigan, that in both places, my needs are the same as a disabled individual. About the only thing that one self-respecting agent of the STATE OF MICHIGAN did do was to approve me for a "live-in" what they call "chore services" worker to help in MY household. While under the same rooftop, there was a clear delineation between that chore services person being in command of her own "household", for which I had no responsibility or control over. Thus, besides assisting me "as needed" throughout the course of my day in the areas of the home designated as "my household", she did NEVER partake of any of the same meals that she was being paid by the STATE to prepare for me. The records are clear on the responsibilities of that "live-in chore services" worker, which in a general sense included assistance in some bathing, transferring in and out of the shower to a wheelchair, daily cleaning (vacuuming, dusting) of the home, dishes, and laundry - as well as assisting me in the daily cleaning of my prosthetic legs parts and liners when I took them off at my bedside or wheelchair, and grocery shopping for me. The "chores" (again) included meal preparation for all three meals of the day and going to the store for grocery shopping (whether or not I was afforded SNAP benefits or Meals-on-Wheels). I cannot stay on my prosthetic long enough to effectively grocery shop, even if I can find transportation to and from home.

The arrangement between this chore services worker and the STATE OF MICHIGAN was a choice between two options for employment. Either the STATE would pay her directly and she would be in charge of all of her own paperwork, including paying taxes; or she could opt to be the employee of a CORPORATE subcontractor of the STATE. The "direct" relationship with the STATE OF MICHIGAN was a set rate; and the option of being an employee of the subcontracting "licensed agency" actually paid a couple of dollars more from the STATE to the agency for their assistance in all of the paperwork required by the STATE and UNITED STATES facilitating the "Chore Services Program". This second option is the one selected by the live-in chore services worker.

Therefore BOTH the STATE OF MICHIGAN program facilitator and the "chore services" subcontracting agency have identical records validating all that I am saying, and I will be happy to provide you with contact names and contact information if you will be interested in verifying MY DOCUMENTED NEEDS which still need to be met here in South Dakota as your own STATE programs might provide. I can say that I have already fallen once already, giving myself a black eye and having nobody to assist me since I have not yet been issued any emergency alert system. While I have recovered, I have contacted that previous chore services worker and she has agreed to come back to assist me as before. Anticipating my need for this ADA-supported (even mandated) arrangement, I have notified the landlord of the apartment where I now live in South Dakota of my need for an apartment WITH AN EXTRA BEDROOM to house this live-in chore services worker AT NO EXTRA COST, and the apartment manager has wholeheartedly agreed to this "two heads of two households" to be occupying these premises for purposes of providing to me that needed "housing accommodation".

I hope this better explains my needs and my own "plan" for getting my needs fulfilled for "independent living" in the "least restrictive environment" and "safest environment" to me AT THE LEAST COST TO THE STATE also. Please notify both me and Ms. Clauser as to when I should be entitled to schedule my meeting with Ms. Clauser. Hopefully, that will be as soon as possible.

Ms. Clauser:

I am ready to schedule your assessment to my home as soon as you are ready. My needs are not going away in time. I am a "totally and permanently disabled" quad-amputee. Please call me at your soonest opportunity.

I will not be checking mail even half as frequently as my checking me email. Hopefully, I will be hearing back from both of you later this week if not later today.

Cordially yours,  
David Schied

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