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American Samoa Launches HCBS Website to Connect Residents with Community-Based Care

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa – Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula today announced the launch of the new Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) website, www.hcbs.as.gov, a central hub where older adults, individuals with disabilities, families, and providers can learn about services that help people receive care at home and in their communities instead of institutions.

As the HCBS Commission continues to build its foundation, the website will evolve to show the progress being made toward developing a Territory-wide HCBS system and Olmstead Plan. At this stage, the Commission is focused on understanding the needs of families, individuals, caregivers, and partner agencies so that well-informed policy recommendations and actions can be made. In the coming weeks, a central HCBS hotline will be made available to help the public connect with HCBS staff, ask questions, and receive assistance with navigating available options. The website will also provide public information about the Commission, including meetings, notices, agendas, reports, and updates, so the community can stay informed and hold the Commission accountable for the work being done for the Territory.

“HCBS is about keeping our people in their homes, villages, and churches, not in distant institutions,” said Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula. “By launching www.hcbs.as.gov, we are giving families a simple place to go for answers, resources, and updates, while staying true to our Fa'asamoa and our responsibility to care for elders and people living with disabilities at home.”

American Samoa's HCBS efforts are supported by the federal Money Follows the Person (MFP) initiative, which helps territories expand Medicaid-funded services that allow individuals to transition from institutional settings into community-based care. The HCBS Commission, established by Executive Order No. 009-25 within the Office of the Governor, coordinates policy, financing strategies, and data efforts to build a durable HCBS system for the Territory.

“The new website is our front door for the public,” said HCBS Commissioner Abigail Poyer. “Residents, caregivers, and providers can go to www.hcbs.as.gov to understand what HCBS is, see what the Commission is working on, and stay informed as we roll out new services and initiatives.”

For more information, visit www.hcbs.as.gov or contact the Office of the Governor at hcbs@go.as.gov.

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Fa'alauiloa e Amerika Samoa le Upega Tafa'ilagi Fou a le HCBS, o le Komisi o Au'aunaga Tausiaina o Tagata Matutua i Aiga ma Nu'u

PAGO PAGO, Amerika Samoa - Ua fa'alauiloa e le ali'i Kovana ia Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula i le aso nei le tautua fou a le vaega o Auaunaga mo Aiga ma Nu'u e ala i lo latou auala o feso'ota'iga i le 'upega tafa'ilagi (website) o le www.hcbs.as.gov, o se feso'ota'iga tūtotonu e mafai ai e tagata matutua, o ē e iai a'afiaga tūmau, o 'āiga, ma le 'au tausi soifua ona malamalama e uiga i auaunaga e maua e tagata i ō latou maota ma laoa, ae fa'apea totonu i o latou lava si'omaga ma afio'aga nai lo'o totonu o falema'i ma nofoaga tausi soifua. 'A 'o alo le Komisi e fa'aaauu le fausiaina o lenei fa'avae, ma o le a tupu a'e le 'upega tafa'ilagi e fa'aalia le alualu i luma o lo'o ua iai nei, e ala i le ati'ina'e o le faiga o le HCBS ma le Olmstead Plan.

I le la'asaga nei, o lo'o taula'i le Komisi i le taumafai e malamalama i mana'oga o 'āiga, o tagata ta'ito'atasi, o le 'au tausi soifua, ma ofisa o lo'o faipā'aga fa'atasi, ina ia malamalama lelei aiaiga ma fautuaga, ma e mafai ona faia ai se fa'atatau. I vaiaso a sau, o le a avanoa le laina telefoni o le HCBS e fesoasoani i le lautele e feso'ota'i lelei ma le aufaigaluega o le HCBS, fai ni fesili, ma maua ni fesoasoani e ala i le sa'ilia o nisi auala talafeagai. O le a maua fo'i i lenei 'upega tafa'ilagi nisi fa'amatalaga e uiga i le Komisi, e aofia ai ma fonotaga, fa'asilasilaga, o fuafuaga uma, o ripoti, ma tala fou, ina ia nofo uta le lautele ma ia taofi le matāfaioi o le Komisi auā latou faiva mo le Teritori.

“O le HCBS e galulue e fa'atumau tagata i o latou aiga, Nu'u, ma Ekalesia, ae lē o fale tausi soifua e tu mamao.” O le saunoaga lea a le Kovana Pulaalii Nikolao Pula. “I le fa'alauiloaina o le www.hcbs.as.gov, o lo'o matou tu'uina atu i aiga se nofoaga faigofie e sa'ili ai ni tali, meafaigaluega, ma tala fou, a o tutumau i lo tatou fa'a-Samoa ma lo tatou matāfaioi o le tausia lelei o tatou tagata matutua ma tagata o lo'o soifua ma a'afiaga tūmau i o latou aiga.”

O le sao e tele o HCBS a Amerika Samoa o lo'o lagolagoina e fuafuaga a le Feterale o le Money Follows the Person (MFP), e pei ona fesoasoani ai i Teritori e fa'alautele auauanaga o lo'o fa'atupeina e le Medicaid, e mafai ai e tagata ta'ito'atasi ona sui mai i le tulaga o le tausiga i fale tausi soifua, e aga'i i le tulaga o le tausiga i maota ma laoa. Ua fa'avaeina e le Komisi o le HCBS

le tulafono No. 009-25 i totonu o le Ofisa o le Kovana, māopoopoga o aiaiga, fa'atupeina o fuafuaga, ma sao i fa'amaumauga e fausia ai faiga tumau o le HCBS mo le Teritori.

“O lenei ‘upega tafa'ilagi fou o lo tatou faitoto'a i le lautele”, o le saunoaga lea a le Komesina o le HCBS ia Abigail Poyer. “E mafai ona o se tagata, ‘au tausi gasegase, ma e tausi soifua i le www.hcbs.as.gov ina ia malamalama po'o le a le HCBS, silasila po'o a mea o lo'o galulue ai le Komisi, ma nofo silafia a o taumafai mo auaunaga ma fuafuaga fou.”

Mo nisi fa'amatalaga, asiasi i le www.hcbs.as.gov po'o le feso'ota'i ane i le Ofisa o le Kovana i le hcbs@go.as.gov.

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