

## **Questions and Answers from Long Term Services and Support**

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1. Are there plans in the future, to allow Medicare beneficiaries to get home-based services?
  - a. There are what's called supplemental benefits under the (rubric) of Medicare Advantage which is Medicare managed care, that can approximate some home care services, not the full extent of the home and community-based services package authorized in Medicaid. But it does represent a great step forward in addressing social determinants of health for example, and some home care needs. But it is, you know, as more and more attention nationally, is given to long term care across all of the insurance programs, you know, I think it's going to be a little more - Medicare is going to become part of those conversations. We will largely find out together if there are any more substantive changes made to the Medicare program which would largely require a change to the legislation authorizing Medicare in the Social Security Act.