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• What is Medicaid? • Medicaid is a medical assistance program that helps many people who can't afford medical care pay for some or all of their medical bills. If you apply and are approved for Medicaid, you will receive a plastic Medicaid card in the mail. Medicaid will pay participating doctors, pharmacists, hospitals or other providers for your care. • If you or someone in your family needs health care, you should apply for Medicaid even if you are not sure whether you qualify or if you have been turned down in the past. • For initial application to determine Medicaid eligibility: 678-248-7449 • Georgia Department of Community Health: http://dch.georgia.gov/applying-medicaid • Cherokee County Parent Mentors: **770-721-8503**	• What are Medicaid Waiver Programs? • Waiver programs help people who are elderly or have disabilities and need help to live in their home or community instead of an institution such as a nursing home. • Georgia has several waiver programs for people who are elderly; physically disabled, have an intellectual disability, or who have a developmental disability, or are medically fragile. • These services are called waiver programs, because the Federal Government allows states to "waive" certain Medicaid requirements and pay for home and community-based services as an alternative to institutional care. • Georgia has several home and community-based waivers. Some of the waiver program services are: assistance with daily living activities (bathing, dressing, and meals), respite care, nursing care, occupational, physical and speech therapy. Refer to chart. • Application Process: Either call 1-877-217-4462 to talk with a person to help you or go to the following link: http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/accessing-services • Agewise Connection: For people who are disabled with chronic medical conditions: 404-463-3333 • Cherokee County Parent Mentors: **770-721-8503**