



OLTL Updates

MLTSS Subcommittee Meeting

July 7, 2021

Agenda

- Financial Management Services (FMS) Transition
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Preliminary Spending Plan
- CHC Program Considerations

FMS Transition

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- Financial Management Services (FMS) Transition
 - The second stakeholder meeting for the FMS Transition was held on June 28th.
 - OLTL provided an update on the approach for fee-for-service waivers.
 - The CHC-MCOs provided updates for the CHC program and announced their selected vendor, Tempus Unlimited, Inc.

ARPA Preliminary Spending Plan

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- On June 14th, DHS submitted a preliminary spending plan to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that serves as a foundation for Pennsylvania's planning efforts by outlining our principles and overarching priorities.
- DHS also collected public comments through committee meetings, a public comment period, and public comment webinar sessions.
- DHS continues to evaluate potential changes to the preliminary spending plan as each priority is operationalized.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Overarching DHS priorities with specific impacts to OLTL programs include, but are not limited to:
 - Provide financial support to adult daily living providers to make physical, operational, or other changes to ensure services are delivered safely during the reopening of day centers.
 - Increase payment rates for direct care workers in the Community HealthChoices and Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) waivers.
 - Increase rates for the Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) program.
 - Develop a registry of direct care workers that allows participants to locate, review and contact direct care workers who will best meet their care needs.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Overarching DHS priorities with specific impacts to OLTL programs include, but are not limited to (continued):
 - Purchase remote support technology for HCBS providers to enhance transparency and quality assurance in service delivery.
 - Provide funding for assistive and remote support technology to enhance service delivery.
 - Enhance transitions into the community by incentivizing managed care organizations to meet nursing home transition goals.
 - Purchase housing adaptations for those transitioning from institutional or congregate settings.

CHC Program Considerations

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- Service Coordination
 - Currently reviewing the CHC SC trainings to determine if changes are necessary
 - Previous SC trainings available to CHC MCOs
 - Requirements addressing frequency of comprehensive needs assessments
 - Service Coordinator response timeliness

CHC Program Considerations

- **Person-Centered Service Plans**
 - OLTL is actively conducting an in-depth analysis of service plan reductions.
 - OLTL will use the results of this analysis to determine if additional compliance requirements or CHC Agreement revisions are necessary.
 - OLTL is also evaluating the current language included in informal support policies to determine if any revisions are necessary.
- **Appeal Process Challenges**
 - Engaged advocacy groups on how to better educate individuals on the process
 - Sent out information available on the DHS/OLTL website
- **Direct Care Workers**
 - ARPA Plan

Resources

MCO PARTICIPANT HELPLINES

AMERIHEALTH CARITAS: **1-855-235-5115**

KEYSTONE FIRST: **1-855-332-0729**

PA HEALTH & WELLNESS: **1-844-626-6813**

UPMC: **1-844-833-0523**

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OLTL PROVIDER LINE: **1-800-932-0939**

OLTL PARTICIPANT LINE: **1-800-757-5042**

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