



OLTL Updates MLTSS Subcommittee

September 7, 2022

Agenda

- ARPA Spending Plan
- FY 22-23 State Budget for OLTL and Act 54 Updates
- OBRA & CHC Waiver Updates
- Other OLTL updates

ARPA Spending Plan Updates

ARPA Spending Plan

- Enhance payment rates in the CHC and OBRA waivers starting January 1, 2022.
- Strengthening the Workforce and Adult Day Service Payments – payments in March – June 2022
 - Attestations sent to providers giving an additional 30 days to claim funds.
 - The attestations were due by 8/22.
 - After this date OLTL will evaluate the amount of unclaimed strengthening the workforce payments - and determine a possible reallocation formula for remaining funds.
- The reporting portal for Strengthening the Workforce Payments is set to be released the week of 9/6 for providers to start reporting quarterly.

ARPA-HCBS Improvement Program

- The purpose of the program is to improve the services available to HCBS participants through the Community HealthChoices (CHC) and OBRA 1915(c) waivers. OLTL will provide funding for the following HCBS quality improvement projects:
 - Activities to address Social Determinants of Health (SDOH).
 - Purchase of remote support technology.
 - Development of and payment for enhanced training.
 - Purchase and implementation of new software/technology for electronic health records, quality, or risk management functions.
- The program was announced via ListServ to the provider network on Friday May 13 and again on June 24. The announcement was also posted on the DHS website.
- Providers began submitting applications starting July 1, 2022.
- Total applications received:
 - 322 submissions
 - 239 approved for payment
 - 22 reviewed pending additional information
 - Total dollar amount so far: \$9.172M (\$6.2M in process for pay date pending)

FY22-23 State Budget Update and Act 54 for OLTL

FY22-23 Budget/Act 54

- Act 54 of 2022 appropriated new American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding
- \$250,000,000 for Long-Term Living Programs –
 - Must be in operation as of July 1, 2022
 - Funding cannot be reimbursed by another funding source
 - One-time payments to use for COVID-19 related expenses
 - Report in a form and manner prescribed by DHS

FY22-23 Budget/Act 54

- \$131,157,000 – Nursing Facilities – county and nonpublic
 - \$104,926,000 – MA days – 3rd quarter of 2021
 - \$26,231,000 – licensed beds as of July 1, 2022
- \$4,283,000 – MA ventilator or tracheostomy nursing facilities
 - based on the payment made through Act 56 of 2021 – quarter ending March 31, 2022
- \$74,946,000 – Personal Assistance Services –
 - \$59,957,000 home health and home care agencies – 3rd quarter of 2021
 - \$14,989,000 participant directed PAS – 3rd quarter 2021

FY22-23 Budget/Act 54

- ARPA for Long-Term Living Programs – cont.
 - \$26,767,000 – Assisted living and PCHs
 - \$24,090,000 – occupancy based on July 1, 2022 or earlier
 - \$2,677,000 – SSI population in March 2022
 - \$6,959,000 – Adult day services – payments for the 3rd quarter of 2021
 - \$535,000 – Residential Habilitation – payments for the 3rd quarter of 2021
 - \$5,353,000 – LIFE programs – based on payments 3rd quarter of 2021.

FY22-23 Budget/Act 54

- Nursing Facility Rates
 - BAF reauthorized
 - NF Assessment Reauthorized
 - Minimum fee schedule for NF Rates in CHC through 2025 – no less than the FFS rates
 - NF must devote 70% of their rate to resident care and related costs –
 - Reported through cost-reports
 - Penalty goes into new fund for NF quality improvement
 - Funding for a 17.5% rate increase starting 1/1/2023
- LIFE
 - 3% increase in rates starting January 1, 2023
 - Information materials must include description of LIFE program
 - Statement that eligible individual has option to enroll in LIFE or CHC
 - Contact information for LIFE program
 - Must train IEB on LIFE
 - Report of documentation of compliance

FY22-23 Budget

- State Supplemental Assistance – PCH and ALRs increased
 - Personal Care Home – individual - \$639.30 and couple \$1,357.40 –
 - \$20 million approx.

Act 54 Spending Plan

- A ListServ was posted on August 19 and updated August 30th providing guidance on instructions and timelines for Personal Care Homes and Assisted Living Residences to receive payments
- An Act 54 Facility Acceptance Form must be completed by September 2, 2022 for PCH/ALRs.
- Information posted on the Long-Term Care providers DHS website regarding Act 54.
- A ListServ posted on August 30th for NF not enrolled in MA.
- Information should be available this week on Act 54 ARPA payments for other providers.
- MA enrolled providers will receive their payments via gross-adjustments.

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- OBRA Waiver Amendment
 - On August 15th, CMS approved an OBRA waiver amendment increasing PAS rates by 8%.
 - This increase has been in effect since January 1, 2022 through our Appendix K flexibility and amendment.
 - The approval of the OBRA waiver amendment makes the rate increase permanent in the base waiver application.
- OLTL is working on OBRA and CHC waiver amendments for submission to CMS in December.
 - We anticipate that the draft waiver amendments will be released for public comment sometime in early October. If we hit our target date of publishing in early October, OLTL's Bureau of Policy will be presenting the proposed changes during the October MLTSS meeting.

OLTL Updates

- Recent ListServ Notices
 - Act 150 Annual re-evaluation notice issues – reminding OLTL service coordinators of the process.
 - EVV Bulletin issued letting providers know that home health services are subject to EVV and for FFS, the edits will start in August.
- PA Statewide Transition Plan for Home and Community Based Services out for public comment.
 - Information out via listserv on August 22nd.
 - Comments due by September 22nd
 - Webinar on September 15th for information specific to OLTL portion of the plan.

Questions?

