



Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Updates

Long-Term Services and Supports(LTSS) Subcommittee Meeting

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- Procurement Updates
 - There are no updates on the following that can be shared at this time.
 - Agency with Choice (AWC)
 - Community HealthChoices (CHC) Request for Application (RFA)
 - Was posted to e-Marketplace on January 30, 2024.
 - **All questions regarding the RFA and its contents should be directed to Procurement via the resource account RA-pwrfaquestions@pa.gov.**
 - Independent Enrollment Broker (IEB)
 - Contract signatures have been finalized and OLTL will be meeting and working with Maximus to implement the provision of the contract

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- Managed Care Program Annual Report (MCPAR)
 - MCPAR information is now posted on the CHC website along with our External Quality Review reports at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/HealthChoices/HC-Services/Pages/CHC-Publications.aspx>.
 - Stakeholders can find a summary of the MCPAR background, the 2023 report submission that reflects activity for CY 2022, and an interpretation document that assists in understanding the data included on the report.
 - Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) for PA Health and Wellness (PHW) was not included due to error on the CMS download and can be found in the portal.
 - PHW's MLR in D1.II.1a was 89.30%.
 - Additional background and supplemental information about the report can be found in the [MCPAR Interpretation Document](#).

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- Impact of the Proposed Federal Final Rule
 - CMS finalized three rules intended to improve access in both the Medicaid fee-for-service and managed care programs.
 - [Nursing Home Staffing Standards](#)
 - [Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services \(FFS\)](#)
 - [Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Access, Finance, and Quality](#)
 - DHS is currently working to determine the level of effort each rule will take to implement, as many of the requirements contained within the rules have effective dates ranging from 2-6 years.
 - Any communication on impact to State programs will be released consistently across the department.

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- CMS Evidence Based Review (EBR) Final Report
 - OLTL received the findings from the CMS EBR report for the CHC 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services waiver.
 - At this point in time EBR Reports have not been made available to the public by OLTL. CMS does make the reports available on their website.
- Role and Expectations for Service Coordinators (SCs)
 - Roles and expectations for SCs in Nursing Facilities will be held as an agenda topic in a future LTSS meeting.
- Behavioral Health (BH) Services for participants
 - OLTL is working closely with the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) to compile a refresh of current data and will be working with the Medicaid Research Center to help provide additional findings on BH services.
- Human Services Transportation Study

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- Final Rule to Establish First-Ever Regulations for Adult Protective Services
 - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Administration for Community Living (ACL), announced a final rule to establish the first federal regulations for Adult Protective Services (APS).
 - The new regulations promote high quality APS and will improve consistency in services across states.
 - With the final rule, ACL aims to support the national network that delivers APS, with the ultimate goal of better meeting the needs of adults who experience, or are at risk of, maltreatment and self-neglect.

Questions?

