



Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Updates

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Subcommittee Meeting

November 6, 2024

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OLTL Procurement Updates

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 - There are no updates regarding Agency with Choice (AWC) that can be shared at this time.
 - Community HealthChoices (CHC) Request for Application (RFA)
 - On August 22, 2024, the Department of Human Services (DHS) announced the applicants selected for agreement negotiations for the CHC Program Re-Procurement
 - The CHC RFA is currently in a stay. All activity pertaining to the RFA has ceased, and no timeline can be shared at this time.
 - **All questions regarding the RFA and its contents should be directed to Procurement via the resource account RA-pwrfaquestions@pa.gov.**



HCBS Quality Improvement Funding Updates

- On May 13, 2022, OLTL announced a Home and Community-Based Provider Quality Improvement Funding Opportunity as part of the Department of Human Services (Department) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 Spending Plan.
- OLTL has developed a round two funding opportunity under an approved HCBS spending plan that includes HCBS provider types previously not included and will provide ARPA funds to these HCBS providers to strengthen HCBS.
 - The Department will provide **up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)** per approved request submission to qualified providers to help HCBS providers implement projects to improve the quality of services provided to individuals in the CHC and the OBRA waiver programs.
 - **Applications will be accepted from November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024**, or until all funds available through this announcement has been exhausted.
- To be considered, entities must submit a complete response to this announcement providing one copy of the completed request form to: RA-PWOLTLHCBSOpportunities@pa.gov. The subject line of the email should be: **“ARPA ROUND TWO HCBS Reimbursement Funding Request.”**



▶ Pennsylvania Maternal Health Roundtable

- The Commonwealth is working collaboratively – Governor Shapiro’s office and the health hub agencies (Health, Human Services, Drug and Alcohol Programs, and Insurance) – to develop a statewide maternal health strategic plan. And we need your help to make it a robust, comprehensive, collaborative, living, and most importantly, active plan.
- We want our strategic plan to address all Pennsylvania women and birthing people and sharing your voice at this listening session will help inform our plan.
- The Zoom listening session is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Friday, December 6, 2024. Please RSVP to Ra-pwdhspressoffice@pa.gov by December 1, 2024, if you plan to attend. Zoom links will be sent by end of day December 4, 2024, to those who RSVP.



CHW Stakeholder Listening Sessions Updates

- The Department of Human Services' Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) will be hosting several upcoming CHW Stakeholder Sessions during November and December.
- These sessions are an opportunity for stakeholders and consumers to provide input and ask questions related to CHW Services.
- The information from these session will be used to help create a strategic plan for CHW services in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program.



CHW Stakeholder Listening Sessions Updates cont.

	Stakeholder Group	Dates	Links to Register for Sessions
1	Community Health Workers	11/6/24 (2 PM – 5 PM)	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/856fe97f-acc3-4b36-9d48-b12a69beaf30@36da45f1-dd2c-4d1f-af13-5abe46b99921
2	Consumers	11/7/24 (9 AM – 12 PM)	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/0729ed3d-fb7e-4966-97c8-71742f028a38@36da45f1-dd2c-4d1f-af13-5abe46b99921
3	Community Based Organizations	11/19/24 (1 PM – 3 PM)	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/48dd4c4d-e0af-413e-aeaa-4d1198a5021a@36da45f1-dd2c-4d1f-af13-5abe46b99921
4	BH & County Providers	11/20/24 (10 AM – 12 PM)	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/0cfc3584-04dc-4773-9c51-362a856dca43@36da45f1-dd2c-4d1f-af13-5abe46b99921
5	PH MCO's & CHC MCO's	11/21/24 (2 PM – 4 PM)	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/59b0e4f5-f111-4bb0-bf09-2595766cd924@36da45f1-dd2c-4d1f-af13-5abe46b99921
6	Hospital Association	12/4/24 (10 AM – 12 PM)	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d54d8f9e-3898-417d-a69e-6ec5ff065402@36da45f1-dd2c-4d1f-af13-5abe46b99921
7	FQHC's	12/10/24 (10 AM – 12 PM)	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d66e9ca-3a6a-4ef8-8501-71a66e8114de@36da45f1-dd2c-4d1f-af13-5abe46b99921
8	BH MCO & Primary Contractors	12/12/24 (10 AM – 12 PM)	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fbd95aca-dc98-49a6-8676-38645a75aada@36da45f1-dd2c-4d1f-af13-5abe46b99921



Personal Needs Allowance Updates

- The Office of Income Maintenance (OIM) released Operations Memo #24-10-02 on October 22, 2024, announcing an increase to the PNA deduction for individuals residing in a Long-Term Care (LTC) facility, State Veterans Home or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). The basic PNA deduction will increase to \$60.00 effective January 1, 2025.
 - Individuals residing in a LTC facility (facility codes 14, 24, 34, 35, 36, 37) as well as individuals residing in an ICF (facility codes 25, 71) without sheltered workshop earnings will now receive a deduction of \$60.00 from the Cost of Care systematically.
 - Individuals residing in a State Veterans Home (Enhanced Veterans Reimbursement) (facility code 32) will now receive a deduction of \$465.00 from the Cost of Care systematically.
 - For additional information please refer to OIM's Ops Memos and Policy Clarifications here:
 - <http://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/docs/publications/oim-pcs-and-ops-memos/ops-24-10-02-personal-needs-allowance-pna-deduction-increase-affecting-long-term-care-ltc-budgets-effective-january-1-2025.docx>

Recent OLTL Communications

- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Rate and Wage Study Provider Survey Re-launch
 - On October 1, 2024, OLTL released a ListServ relaunching the HCBS Rate and Wage Study Provider and Common Law Employer survey.
 - The survey will close on November 15, 2024.
 - The change in the proposed timeline to reopen the survey **will not** impede the ability of the report to inform the Administration's budget for the next fiscal year.



Recent OLTL Communications cont.

- The OLTL is presenting a live, interactive, 6-session webinar series on housing issues.
 - When: **November 5, 2024, to December 10, 2024, (every Tuesday) from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.**
 - 2024 OLTL Fall Housing Series Curriculum:
 - November 5: Understanding Housing Nuances in Pennsylvania
 - November 12: Recommended Relationships to Have in the Housing Sector
 - November 19: Fair Housing and Landlord/Tenant issues with the Housing Equality Center of PA
 - November 26: Types of Housing Funding Sources
 - December 3: Keeping Participants Housed with Landlord Engagement Techniques AND Housing Information Resources to be Aware of
 - December 10: Assistive Technology and Housing with the PA Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)
 - To register, please visit https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwoceuuqjsoHNcCZAent2NWX9IRqV_8y56E#/registration



Questions/Public Comments

