Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Updates

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Subcommittee Meeting

May 7, 2025

Presenter: Juliet Marsala, Deputy Secretary

Agenda

- OLTL Updates
 - Procurement Updates
 - Quarterly Assessment Payments (QAPs) and Resident Day Submission Deadlines
 - Reminder-American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Reporting
 - Recent OLTL Communications

OLTL Procurement Updates

- Procurement Updates
 - Effective March 31, 2025, the Agency with Choice (AWC) procurement has been cancelled.
 - Community HealthChoices (CHC) Request for Applications (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.
 - The CHC program will continue to operate under the current CHC Managed Care Organizations (MCO) and agreements until further notice.
 - All questions regarding the RFA and its contents should be directed to Procurement via the resource account RA-pwrfaquestions@pa.gov.

Quarterly Assessment Payments and Resident Day Submission

- Resident Day Report (RDR) Submissions
 - The deadline to submit fourth quarter (Quarter 88) RDRs for State Fiscal Year (FY)
 2024-2025 was May 2, 2025.
 - As a reminder, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will impose a penalty for late RDR submissions in accordance with 62 P.S. § 810-A in the amount of \$1,000, plus \$200 per day until the RDRs are submitted.

QAPs

- The deadline for submission of QAPs for the third (Quarter 87) and fourth (Quarter 88) assessment quarters for FY 2024-2025 is June 13, 2025.
- Information regarding Important Dates for FY 2024-2025 is also located on the DHS website on the Nursing Facility Assessment web page.
- If you have questions regarding this message, please contact Office of Long-Term Living, Bureau of Finance via email at <u>RA-NH_Assessments@pa.gov</u>.
 - Note: There is an underscore between H and A



Reminder – ARPA Reporting

- On April 16, 2025, OLTL communicated via ListServ, a reminder to providers of the requirement to report the use of 2021 ARPA funding.
 - The DHS' OLTL requires providers who received supplemental funding from the ARPA to report on their use of the funding by Friday, May 30, 2025.
 - ARPA funding disbursements subject to this reporting requirement include:
 - Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Quality Improvement Funding
 - Act 2022-54 COVID-19 Relief Funding
- Please note that you may have reported on the use of ARPA funding received in 2021, including Act 2021-24 and Strengthening the Direct Care Workforce payments; this reporting is in addition to previously reported initiatives.

Reminder – ARPA Reporting (cont.)

- To complete a report, please log in to the <u>ARPA Funding Portal</u>, select the appropriate funding type, and then select "Create a New Funding Report." The portal will prompt users to select a provider name (for individuals authorized to submit reports for multiple facilities or locations) and the applicable reporting period. Upon selection, review the prepopulated information and complete all required fields in the form.
- Failure to submit a report may result in the recovery of funding through collection activities, audits, or legal action.

Recent OLTL Communications

- OLTL Employment Services Provider Guidance on the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's (OVR) 2025 Order of Selection (OOS)
 - On Tuesday, April 15, 2025 OLTL released via ListServ notification providing guidance to the following entities regarding the referral of participants to the OVR:
 - o MCOs
 - Service Coordinators (SCs)
 - Service Coordination Entities (SCEs) and
 - Service Providers
 - OVR recognizes three disability categories:
 - Non-Significant Disability (NSD)
 - Significant Disability (SD)
 - Most Significant Disability (MSD)
 - The April 1, 2025, OOS is a waitlisting of participants who fall within the NSD and SD categories.
 - Participants who are determined by OVR to fall within the MSD category will continue to receive OVR funded services. Due to this being a partial OOS closure, OLTL participants who are requesting employment services/supports must continue to be referred to OVR for determination of eligibility.

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Recent OLTL Communications (cont.)

- OLTL 2025 HCBS Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCBS CAHPS) Survey
 - The 2025 HCBS CAHPS Survey operations memorandum 2025-05 was completed and posted to the <u>public site</u> and <u>Community HealthChoices (CHC)</u> with an issue date of April 10, 2025.
 - The purpose of the operations memorandum was to provide guidance to the CHC-MCOs pertaining to administering the CHC HCBS CAHPS Survey.
 - CHC-MCOs must comply with the CHC HCBS CAHPS Survey requirements indicated in the CHC Agreement.

Questions/Public Comments

