

Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Updates

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Subcommittee Meeting

January 7, 2026

Presenter: Juliet Marsala, Deputy Secretary



Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services

Agenda

- OLTL Updates
 - Procurement Updates
 - Participant Self Directed Fee Schedules
 - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Rural Health Awards



▶ OLTL Procurement Updates

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 - 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 (MCOs) 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.**



➤ Participant Self Directed Fee Schedules

- The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 budget, signed into law on November 12, 2025, included a \$21 million investment to strengthen the workforce through increased wages for direct care workers providing services in the Participant Directed Model for OLTL Programs.
 - This additional funding provides for a rate increase in the OBRA Waiver and Act 150 Program for Participant Directed (Consumer) Personal Assistance Services procedure codes W1792 and W1792 TU, effective January 1, 2026.
 - OLTL released a ListServ on December 19, 2025, notifying Waiver Providers and Service Coordinators of the rate changes impacting PROMISe™ the claims processing, provider enrollment, and user management information system, and the Home and Community Services Information System (HCSIS).

➤ Participant Self Directed Fee Schedules cont.

- OLTL will be providing the Common Law Employers (CLEs) in the Fee for Service program an automatic Opt-In to an hourly rate increase.
 - The CHC-MCOs have indicated they will also utilize this approach.
- CLEs will not have to do anything for their employees to receive up to the 9.09% percentage increase, minus required costs related to employer costs, indicated by the change in the Medicaid Fee for Service Schedule that will be publicly posted in the PA bulletin at a later date.
- CLEs will have through the end of January 2026 to indicate other preferences before the automatic Opt-In is applied retroactively to the January 1, 2026, effective date.

➤ Participant Self Directed Fee Schedules cont.

- As a reminder, CLEs always have the ability to set employee wages in the Participant Directed program.
- Additional information for CLEs can be accessed via the Fiscal/Employer Agent websites below:
 - **For participants in the Fee for Service, OBRA Waiver and Act 150 Programs**
 - Navigate to Public Partnerships LLC [PA OLTL Program | PPL](#)
 - **For participants in the CHC Program**
 - Tempus Unlimited, Inc. [Home - PA Tempus Unlimited](#)

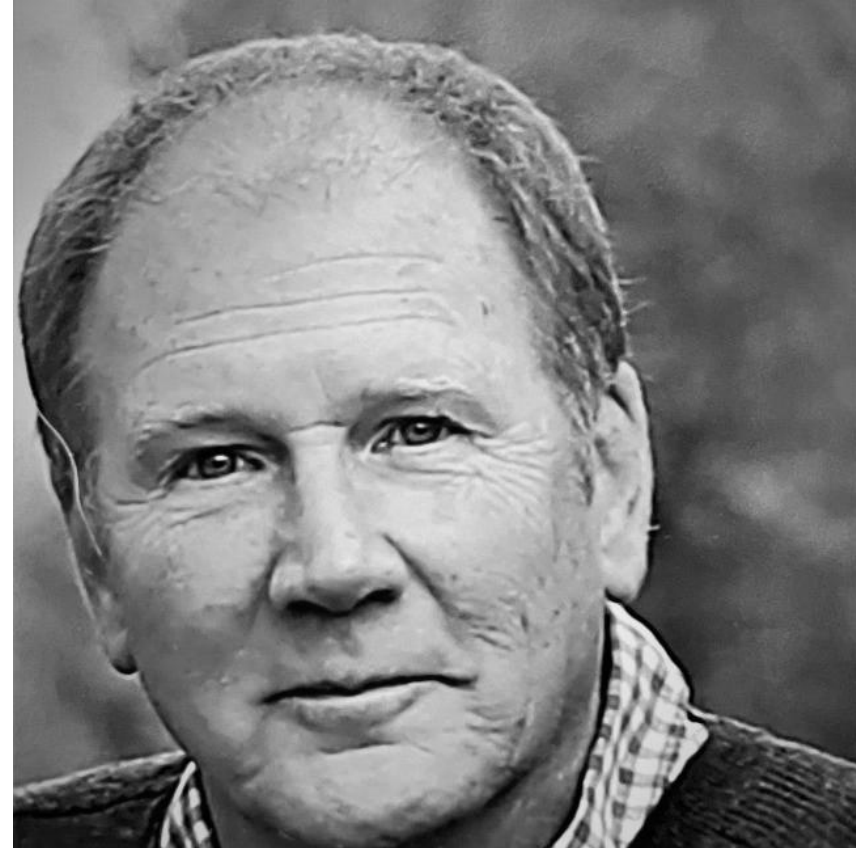
➤ CMS Rural Health Awards

- On December 29, 2025, CMS announced via press release that all 50 states will receive awards under the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), a \$50 billion initiative to strengthen and modernize health care in rural communities across the country.
 - In 2026, states will receive first-year awards from CMS averaging \$200 million within a range of \$147 million to \$281 million. **Pennsylvania was awarded \$193,294,054.**
 - This federal investment will help states expand access to care in rural communities, strengthen the rural health workforce, modernize rural facilities and technology, and support innovative models that bring high-quality, dependable care closer to home.
 - The RHTP's funds will be allocated over five years, from 2026 through 2030.
 - Additional information on PA's RHTP can be found at [Rural Health | Department of Human Services | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)



➤ Thank You! – Michael Hale

- Began working at a Center for Independent Living (CIL) in 1979
- Started with the Commonwealth in 2007
- Official Retirement date was January 2, 2026.



Thank You and Congratulations!

Questions/Public Comments

