

CHC Waiver Amendment

The purpose of the amendment is to make the following substantive and technical changes:

- Add Agency with Choice as Financial Management Services model an administrative function for the participant-directed services of Personal Assistance Services and Respite. AWC is an administrative function of OLTL.
- Amend the Benefits Counseling service definition to remove the requirement that participants must access Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) services before accessing Benefits Counseling in the waiver. OLTL has found that benefits counseling from OVR is not comparable to Benefits Counseling in the waiver; therefore, OLTL is removing this barrier in the service definition so participants can access the waiver service sooner.
- Modify Service Coordinator and Service Coordinator Supervisor qualifications to align with the CHC Agreement.
- In response to the CARES Act amendment to sections 1814(a) and 1835(a) of the Social Security Act, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, in addition to physicians, may prescribe and order the following services:
 - Nursing Services
 - Occupational Therapy Services
 - Physical Therapy Services
 - Speech and Language Therapy Services
- Add performance measure AA-8 to monitor the Agency with Choice vendor.

The state assures with these changes:

- Do not impose stricter eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for HCBS programs and services than were in place on April 1, 2021;
- Preserve covered HCBS, including the services themselves and the amount, duration, and scope of those services, in effect as of April 1, 2021; and
- Maintain HCBS provider payments at a rate no less than those in place as of April 1, 2021.