

OLTL's Proposed HCBS Transition Plans, Waiver Amendments and CommCare and Independence Waiver Renewals – Your Comments

January 6 and January 8, 2015

▶ Purpose For Meeting Today

- To solicit comments on the CommCare and Independence Waiver renewals
- To receive comments on the proposed amendments to the Aging, Attendant Care and OBRA Waiver amendments
- To solicit public comment on the proposed waiver-specific transition plans for the CommCare and OBRA Waivers
- Comments received today will be used to finalize OLTL's transition plans and the waiver renewals/amendments that will be submitted to CMS

CommCare and Independence Waiver Renewals

- CommCare and Independence Waivers expire June 30, 2015; submission to CMS targeted for March 13, 2015
- At the same time, will be submitting amendments to the Aging, Attendant Care, and OBRA waivers
- Public comment period ends February 3, 2015
- Submission to CMS targeted for March 13, 2015

General Approach

- Standardize where possible language and processes approved in 2013 Aging and Attendant Care renewals
- Incorporate waiver processes and service coverage to improve quality of care outcomes for members
- Address issues identified in Corrective Action Plans
- Reflect current practice and organizational operations in place today, including codification of regulations
- Emphasize OLTL administrative authority of the waiver programs, enhance oversight and monitoring of providers and contractors, and provide for a comprehensive quality improvement strategy

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HCBS Final Rule

- CMS published the final rule amending regulations contained in 42 CFR 441.301 on January 16, 2014; the regulations were effective March 17, 2014
- The rule supports enhanced quality in Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) programs and adds protections for individuals receiving services.
- In addition, this rule reflects CMS' intent to ensure that individuals receiving services and supports through Medicaid's HCBS programs have full access to the benefits of community living and are able to receive services in the most integrated setting

COMMENTS

Next Steps

- After the Public Comment Period, OLTL will:
 - Consider the public comment received and modify the transition plans and waiver renewal as needed
 - Submit the transition plans, waiver renewals and amendments, along with a summary of the comments received, reasons why comments were not adopted and any modifications to the transition plans/waiver renewal based upon those comments to CMS by March 13, 2015
 - Post the summary and final documents on the OLTL website
 - Determine the best way to have ongoing dialogue with stakeholders regarding the implementation of the transition plan and progress made

Resources

- CMS information resources can be found at:
- <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html>
- <http://hcbsadvocacy.org/>
- OLTL information resources can be found at:
- <http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/dhsorganization/officeoflongtermliving/oltlwaiverinfo/index.htm>
- Submitting written comments and feedback:
- email at RA-waiverstandard@pa.gov
- U.S. mail to Jennifer Hale, Department of Human Services, Office of Long-Term Living, Bureau of Policy and Regulatory Management, P.O. Box 8025, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8025