

Nursing Home Transition Programmatic Changes

Agenda

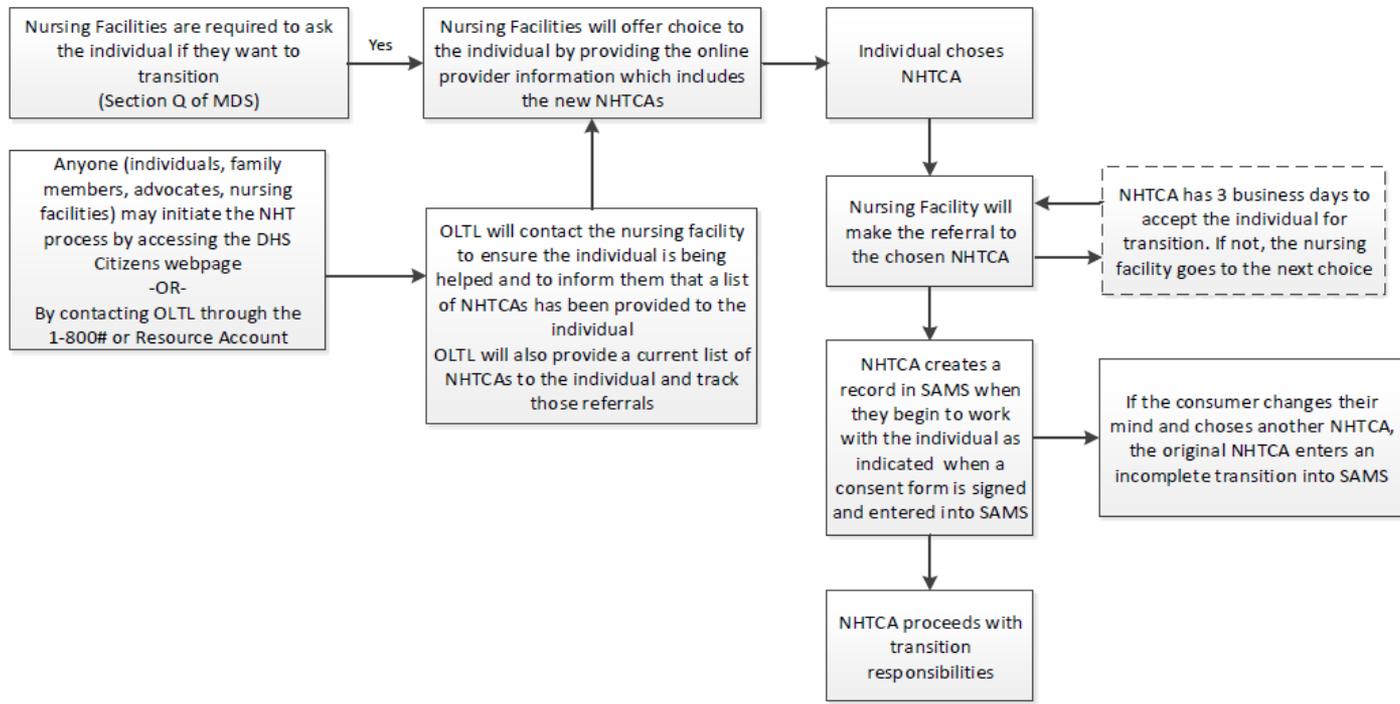
What has changed?

- NHT referral process
- FDIS
- Additional entities able to perform NHT tasks
 - Now called NHTCA's
- Interaction With Nursing Facilities
- Cross County Transitions

NHT Referral Process

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- All NHT referrals will now come from the Nursing Facility in which the individual is residing in.
 - Based on Section Q of the MDS
 - NF's will utilize the “provider page” on the DHS website to access the NHTCA provider list:
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/nhtprogramfrprviders/index.htm>
 - NF social worker or discharge planner will provide the individual with the list of NHTCA's and will make a referral to the selected NHTCA by:
 - Telephone

NHT Referral Process

- The selected NHTCA has 3 business days to either accept or reject a referral.
- If the NHTCA accepts the referral the NHTC will:
 - complete an in-person visit with the individual, ensuring the individual meets the NHT participant definition & wants to transition
 - Explain choice and have individual sign the Freedom of Choice Form to serve as a signed consent
 - Attach Freedom of Choice Form to the SAMS record as a “file attachment” and provide copies to the individual & NF
 - Complete a SAMS journal note indicating that an NHT case has been opened.
 - An NHT Care Enrollment should be opened at this time and NHT01 activities may be billed.

FDIS

- Beginning December 1st 2016 the FDIS will no longer be available to the provider network to utilize for NHT referrals.
- All referrals will come either through the nursing facility or the individual/family utilizing the DHS website.

Additional Entities Providing NHT across the Commonwealth

NHTCA's

- The NHT program has been opened up to allow service coordination entities the opportunity to provide NHT services. As a result:
 - AAA's who currently provide NHT and SCE can provide NHT services
 - Under 60 partners who currently provide NHT and SCE can provide NHT services
 - AAA's and Under 60's who have historically ONLY provided NHT but not SCE may continue to provide NHT services
 - Any SCE who would like to provide NHT may apply via provider enrollment beginning 12/1/16 by emailing RA-HCBSEnProv@pa.gov or faxing to 717-346-1483, Attention: Provider Enrollment

- This was done for several reasons:
 - Provide individuals in institutional settings the opportunity to have choice of provider
 - Increase the NHT transition numbers
 - Improve NHT coverage throughout the Commonwealth

Interaction with Nursing Facilities

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- Acceptable ways to make NFs aware of your services:
 - Providing literature/brochures to the NF administrators, discharge planners, and/or SWs
 - Offering to meet with NF staff to explain services
 - Website/social networking

Interaction with Nursing Facilities

- Unacceptable:
 - Entering the rooms of NF residents uninvited
 - Loitering in facilities
 - Any form of harassment of NF staff or residents
 - Any form of bribery
 - Disrupting facility or patient routine
- If you feel that there is a problem with a facility not fulfilling their duties under MDS section Q, please contact OLTL.
 - 1-800-833-5196
 - ra-nhtinfo@pa.gov
- Aggressive marketing directed at NF residents is NOT in their best interest or the best interest of the NHT program overall. Nursing facilities will be encouraged to report any disruptive activities to OLTL.

Cross County Transitions

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- Cross County Transitions between more than one NHTCA is no longer permitted.
 - **Waiver Eligible**- For individuals transitioning onto a Medicaid Waiver program (Aging, OBRA, CommCare, Attendant Care, and Independence) the selected NHT Provider will work directly with the selected Service Coordination entity in the receiving county to ensure a safe and orderly transition across counties. Upon discharge the NHT Provider will bill NHT 01 for the transition coordination activities they completed.

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- **Non Waiver Eligible-** For individuals transitioning into a **CARE MANAGED** Program (Options, FCSP, ACT 150) the selected NHT Provider will work with the selected care manager or service coordinator in the receiving county. The NHT Provider will bill NHT01 activities for transition coordination activities.
- **Non Care Managed-** For individuals transitioning that are considered to be Non Care Managed- meaning they will not be followed by a service coordination entity or care manager for a state or federally funded HCBS (Home and Community Based Services) program, the NHT Provider will work with the individual, family, or other informal supports in the cross county transition. Individuals who fall into this category may be considered to be NFI, receiving only a PERS unit, or HDM (Home Delivered Meals). The NHT Provider will bill NHT 01 activities for transition coordination activities.

Questions?

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