



OLTL Updates Medical Assistance Advisory Committee(MAAC)

September 23, 2021

Agenda

- CHC Plan Vaccination Updates
- OLTL Plan for the 10% Enhanced ARPA Funding
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Priorities
- CHC Waiver Amendments

CHC Plan Vaccination Update

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- 3rd shot for the immunocompromised
 - CHC MCOs pulling lists for outreach
- Booster Recommendations
 - Awaiting guidance from CDC
 - CHC MCOs reviewing data on individuals
- Vaccination Requirements
 - AmeriHealth/Keystone First
 - PHW

▶ CHC Plan Vaccination Update

MCO	Fully vaccinated	Partially vaccinated
AmeriHealth/Keystone (as of 9/2021 does not include Philadelphia Vaccine registry data)	42%	--
Pennsylvania Health and Wellness (As of 9/2021).	42.5%	7.7%
UPMC (as of 9/2021)	55%	4.9%

OLTL Plan for 10% Enhanced ARPA Funding

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- Enhance payment rates in the CHC and OBRA waivers starting January 1, 2022.
 - Enhance payment rates in the Community Health Choices and OBRA waivers to increase employee wages for direct care workers providing Personal Assistance Services (PAS).
 - Will apply to both agency and participant-directed models of PAS
 - Increase in rates will be sustained after the ARP funds have been exhausted.

▶ OLTL Plan 10% Enhanced ARPA Funding

- One time funding to Strengthen Workforce Recruitment – Sending out Fall/Winter 2021-2022
 - Provide one-time benefit to recruit and retain direct care workers.
- Eligible efforts for enhanced ARP funding include:
 - Sign-on Bonuses (new workers)
 - Retention Payments (existing workers)
 - Leave Benefits – subsidize health insurance premiums
 - COVID-related paid time off/ offering paid sick leave
 - Incentives for vaccination along with paid time off
 - Purchase Personal Protective Equipment and Testing Supplies

OLTL Plan 10% Enhanced ARPA Funding

- Other FMAP Initiatives
 - Standardized core training curriculum for participants directed car workers across the long-term services and supports continuum, which will also provide a clear career pathway.
 - Develop a registry of direct care workers for participants.
 - Strengthening Adult Daily Living Services.
 - One-time incentive payment to the CHC-MCOs.

OLTL Plan 10% Enhanced ARPA Funding

- Grant Program to strengthen and improve HCBS:
 - Address Social Determinants of Health for HCBS population
 - Purchase of remote support technology for HCBS Providers
 - Develop and Provide training on infection control practices
 - Purchase and implementation of new software/technology for electronic health records, quality, or risk management functions.
 - Enable providers to contract with a Health Information Organization.
 - Enabling HCBC providers to connect with local hospitals and physicians to ensure real time communication.

ARPA Priorities

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Act 24 of 2021 appropriates \$282 million in ARPA funding to long-term living programs.
- The funding will be distributed as follows:
 - Nursing Facilities: \$247 million
 - \$198 million to be allocated based on Medical Assistance days of care for the third quarter of CY2019.
 - \$49 million to be allocated based on licensed beds for all facilities as of March 31, 2020.
 - Assisted Living and Personal Care Homes: \$30 million
 - \$27 million to be allocated proportionally based on occupancy based on the most recent inspections on or before April 1, 2020.
 - \$3 million to be allocated proportionally based on the number of SSI residents in March 2020.

CHC Waiver Amendments

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- FMS to become an administrative function of the MCO
- Service Definition changes:
 - Adult Day Living
 - Personal Assistance Services(PAS)
 - Personal Emergency Response System(PERS)
 - Vehicle Modifications

Questions?

