

OLTL Updates

Consumer Subcommittee

December 7, 2022

Agenda

- Appendix K Waiver Amendments
- Telephonic vs. Face-to-Face Assessments

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- OLTL submitted an amendment to Appendix K to CMS for the CHC and OBRA Waivers in January 2021 extending the effective date and allowing some flexibilities to continue until six months after the end of the federal public health emergency, or another date determined by OLTL.
- Waiver Services allowed under Appendix K:
 - **Residential Habilitation** - Temporarily, Long-Term or Continuous Nursing may be provided as a separate service at the same time that Residential Habilitation is provided to ensure participant health and safety needs can be met.
 - **PAS and Participant Directed Community Supports** - On a case by case basis, temporarily, spouses, legal guardians, and persons with power of attorney may serve as paid direct care workers.
 - **Respite** - in a licensed facility may be extended beyond 29 consecutive days with prior approval of the CHC-MCO.
- Expanded Settings for Services:
 - Residential Habilitation and Structured Day Habilitation Services – may be provided in private homes
 - Remote phone or video conferencing for – Structured Day Habilitation, Cognitive Rehab and Behavior Therapy, Counseling Services, Adult Daily Living Services

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- Modifications to Worker Qualifications:
 - **Qualified staff may be reassigned** to provide Residential Habilitation, Structured Day Habilitation Services, Adult Daily Living, and Personal Assistance Services.
- Level of Care Assessments and Reassessments
 - **Remote initial FEDs** conducted via phone or video conferencing
 - **Remote Annual Reassessments** conducted via phone or video conferencing
 - **Remote Comprehensive Needs Reassessments** via phone or video conferencing
- Person-Centered Service Planning/Coordination
 - **Remote monitoring of the PCSP** by telephone where face-to-face contacts are usually required
 - **Person-Centered Planning Team meetings may be conducted entirely using telecommunications**, where the participant may also participate using phone or video conferencing.
- Retainer payments
 - PAS retainer payments to DCWs in agency and participant-directed **may be made when the participant is hospitalized, absent from their home, or in isolation** and unable to receive services due to COVID-19.

Telephonic vs Face to Face Assessments

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- MCO Telephonic vs Face to Face
 - November Data

Measure	November 2022 (11/01/2022 to 11/27/2022)		
	AHC/KF	PHW	UPMC
Telephonic assessments completed	38.2%	51.0%	29.8%
Face-to-Face assessments completed	61.8%	49.0%	70.0%

Questions?

