



Choices For Independence 1915 (c) Waiver Amendment Update

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1915 (c) Choices For Independence Waiver Amendment Purpose

- #1** -- Support transition from a fee-for-service (FFS) program to a care management model that reflects whole person care coordination across all domains; medical, behavioral, and long term services and supports.
- **#2** -- Comply with May 2013 Guidance for LTSS Programs & March 2014 1915 (c) Waiver modifications for quality measures and reporting.
- **#3** -- Make changes to benefits based on lessons learned from stakeholders.
- **#4** -- Set stage for inclusion of participant directed services, at renewal, in 6/2017.





Waiver Components

- Intro/Appendix A – Administration & Operation
- Appendix B – Participant Access & Eligibility
- Appendix C – Participant Services
- Appendix D – Participant Centered Planning & Service Del’y
- Appendix F – Participant Rights
- Appendix G – Participant Safeguards
- Appendix H – Quality Improvement Strategy
- Appendix I – Financial Accountability
- Appendix J – Cost Neutrality Demonstration
- * Appendix E -- Participant Directed Services – Later date



Eligibility -- CFI Redetermination Streamlined

- No longer requiring a CFI redetermination home visit for every participant. Revision of the description of the redetermination process so that instead of completing an Medical Eligibility Assessment (MEA) for each person, the required clinical information may be obtained from documentation already available in MDS or OASIS systems, or from a DHHS clinical assessment form that will be a simplified version of the MEA.
- No change in eligibility criteria or eligibility determination! DHHS maintains eligibility determination.





Benefits – New & Modified

- **New** -- Vehicle modifications & in-home evaluations by Department-approved professional for Environmental Accessibility Adaptations/Vehicle Modifications. Addresses audit findings for modifications that were not done correctly or did not address participant's needs.
- **Modified** – Change description of approved service for personal care to include transportation to non-medical services. Update descriptions and provider qualifications for services to assure compliance with CMS regulations.



Benefits & Quality -- Changes

- **Adult Medical Day (AMD)** will be provided through State Plan through the same providers at the same rates. DHHS will update the administrative rule and make the service available for waiver and non-waiver participants; and adjust to make it less administratively burdensome.
- **Adult In Home Care (AIHC)** will be eliminated because it duplicates Homemaking and Personal Care Services for which payment rates are more competitive.
- Updates **Quality Improvement Strategy** to better align with March 2014 CMS Guidelines.



Answers to Common Questions

- **Who is submitting the waiver?**
 - ✓ Team -- Chris Shannon, Denise Sleeper, Sandy Hunt, Deb Scheetz, & Deb Fournier
- **When will the waiver be submitted?**
 - ✓ When DHHS can meet CMS expectations around the waiver requirements. Work to do on Ombudsman position, Appendix G, waiver oversight post go live, etc. Stay tuned!
- **Will there be public input?**
 - ✓ There is a robust stakeholder engagement plan that encourages listening to concerns to either incorporate ideas or explain why points are not practical/feasible. We will inform the Commission, MCAC and public of the comment period and schedule.
- **Projected go live?**
 - ✓ DHHS will target go live date dependent on Department and MCO readiness.
- **Will Department run an FFS program?**
 - ✓ An estimated 70-100 people will be in FFS.

