



## COMMUNITY HEALTH CHOICES UPDATE

**What You Need to Know About The Statewide Transition Plan**

As a participant and valuable stakeholder of United Disabilities Services, we are reaching out to you to inform you of some changes being made by the State of Pennsylvania to the Waiver Programs. As these changes evolve, we will take the time to educate you on them and give you insight into how you can get involved.

This edition is the second in a series of messages that we will send you in an effort to keep you informed on these changes. In this edition, our goal is to help explain what is happening and who is impacted. We will also be providing you with information on public meetings that you may attend to learn more about these changes including your opportunity to provide comments or ask questions.

We encourage you to send us your email address so that we can send these updates to you electronically. Please send your name and email address to: [ADVOCATE@udservices.org](mailto:ADVOCATE@udservices.org)

***First, let us help you understand the change.***

- On 3/1/16, the departments of Human Services and Aging released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Community HealthChoices (CHC). CHC is Governor Wolf's plan to increase opportunities for older Pennsylvanians and individuals with physical disabilities to remain in their homes, while providing coordinated health care for more than 420,000 Pennsylvanians.
- The estimated total statewide enrollment of dual eligibles, older persons, and adults 21 and older with physical disabilities for CHC is 450,000. The CHC population will include individuals with Medicaid-only coverage who receive or need waiver services, and individuals with full Medicare and Medicaid coverage (dual eligible), including those with and without Long Term Services and Supports needs.
- The CHC population will include the following:
  - Adults age 21 or older who require Medicaid waiver services (whether in the community or in private or county nursing facilities) because they need the level of care provided by a nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for individuals with other related conditions (ICF/ORC);
  - Current participants of Department of Human Services Office of Long Term Living (OLTL) waiver programs who are 18 to 21 years old; and
  - Dual eligibles age 21 or older whether or not they need or receive waiver services.
- Studies have shown that 95 percent of Pennsylvanians who need these services would prefer to live in the community, though currently DHS serves only 51 percent of those individuals in the community. CHC will serve an estimated 420,000 individuals, including 130,000 older persons and adults with disabilities, who are currently receiving long-term services and supports in the community and in nursing facilities.

# COMMON QUESTIONS

## 1. Will my medical coverage change?

The CHC benefit package will include all physical health benefits specified in the Medicaid State Plan. This means your current waiver services and medical care will be covered until Managed Care begins.

2.3 Covered Benefits	Physical Health Care	Long-Term Supports and Services	Behavioral Health Services	Participant-Directed Services	Nursing Home Transition
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All physical health care in Medicaid state plan</li> <li>Medicare first payer for those eligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home and community-based services (waiver)</li> <li>Nursing facility services</li> <li>Home modifications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing HealthChoices BH-MCO in county</li> <li>Care coordination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional agency</li> <li>Participant-directed employer authority</li> <li>Budget authority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHC-MCO identifies participants</li> <li>CHC-MCO provides transition services</li> </ul>

## 2. When is the next public forum?

The State is conducting public meetings to discuss the waiver service changes and hear public comments regarding these changes. You can attend any of these meetings as follows:

Dates	Location
June 1, 2016 July 6, 2016 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Pennsylvania Department of Education, Honors Suite 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Tower Building, 333 Market Street Harrisburg PA 17126

## 3. How will the insurance companies be selected?

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has received 14 responses from insurance companies (managed care organizations or MCOs) interested in CHC. DHS will review these responses and select the winners. DHS has previously indicated there would be between 2 and 5 MCOs per Region. The selections have not been made yet but we will keep you informed of those decisions. In the meantime, you are able to view the insurance companies who submitted bids at: <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/communityhealthchoices/rfpqrqmrqmnts/index.htm#.V0RyU4v2bIV>

## 4. Who is responsible for Service Coordination in CHC?

The chosen Managed Care Organization insurance companies will be responsible for assuring that service coordination is provided. That will be done either through contracts with service coordination entities, such as United Disabilities Services, or through their own service coordination staff. UDS will keep you updated on which MCOs we contract with in order to continue providing Service Coordination for you.

## 5. How do I get more information on the CHC change?

You can go to the Department of Human Service's website at: <http://www.dhs.pa.gov>

To learn more about CHC, please visit: <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/communityhealthchoices/index>

Additionally, and as mentioned earlier, UDS also plans to provide updates through newsletters like this one. For faster and more efficient communication, please send your email to us at:

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