



Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Updates

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
Subcommittee Meeting

April 1, 2026

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Agenda

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OLTL Procurement Updates

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 - Community HealthChoices (CHC) Request for Applications (RFA)
 - On August 22, 2024, the Department of Human Services (DHS) announced the applicants selected for agreement negotiations for the CHC Program Re-Procurement.
 - The CHC RFA is currently in a stay. All activity pertaining to the RFA has ceased, and no timeline can be shared at this time.
 - The CHC program will continue to operate under the current CHC-Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and agreements until further notice.
 - **All questions regarding the RFA and its contents should be directed to Procurement via the resource account RA-pwrfaquestions@pa.gov.**



InterRAI Version 9 to Version 10 Transition

- The Interdisciplinary Risk Assessment Instrument (InterRAI) Home Care assessment tool version 9.1.2 has been in use in Pennsylvania since April 2018 following the implementation of the Community HealthChoices (CHC) program.
 - It is important to note that this transition project is a software upgrade and not an assessment tool logic modification. We are not making any material changes to the Functional Eligibility Determination (FED) that will cause changes in outcomes from version to version.
- Software development has been completed, and we are currently in the testing phase to include software testing and data sharing testing
- Training development is underway with the Dering Consulting Group with online training modules are anticipated to be available in late June to ensure assessors can complete prior to go live.
 - Committee members Kathy Cubit and Pam Walz are participating in the training review.
- Go live is planned for the beginning of July 2026.



General Happenings

- The Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) submitted both the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) Waiver Renewal and Community HealthChoices (CHC) Waiver Amendment submission to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
 - The OBRA waiver renewal was submitted to CMS at the end of March 2026 and the CHC Waiver Amendment was submitted to CMS at the beginning of April 2026.
 - CMS has 90 days to approve, deny, or request additional information.
- During the public comment period, OLTL received comments from eight different commenters for the OBRA Waiver and from 12 different commenters for the CHC Waiver Amendment.
- Once the renewal and amendment are approved, OLTL will present the finalized changes at a future Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Subcommittee Meeting.

General Happenings (cont.)

- 2026 Community HealthChoices (CHC) Agreement
 - The Office of Long-Term Living released the 2026 CHC Agreement and it is currently located on the Department of Human Services website at [CHC Supporting Documents | Department of Human Services | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#).
 - The agreement is currently going through the Commonwealth review process and is pending approval from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
 - CMS has 90 days to approve, deny, or request additional information.
- Free Annual Training for Personal Care Home (PCH) and Assisted Living Residence (ALR) Administrators
 - **Jan. 26, 2026** — [Free Annual Training for PCH/ALR Administrators and Direct Care Staff-Northampton Community College - Spring 2026](#)
 - **Feb 5, 2026** — [Effective Complaint Procedure Management — Free Annual Training for PCH/ALR Administrators](#) — Temple University Harrisburg, Spring 2026
 - **Feb. 5, 2026** — [Hospice and End of Life Care — Free Annual Training for PCH/ALR Administrators](#) — Temple University Harrisburg, Spring 2026



Recent Office of Long-Term Living Communications – H.R. 1

- On March 19, 2026, the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) released a Listserv sharing the slides presented at the first Department of Human Services House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1) Implementation Committee meeting, which occurred on March 5, 2026.
 - Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Subcommittee members Pam Walz and Rebecca MacTaggart serve as liaisons to the H.R. 1 Implementation Committee.
- H.R. 1 implementation updates and discussion will be a standing agenda item during future LTSS Subcommittee meetings.
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) has designated the Resource Account ra-hspadhs-hr1@pa.gov to receive questions and feedback related to H.R. 1 implementation. Additionally, questions and feedback can be received during the public comment periods in the LTSS Subcommittee Meetings.
 - The next meeting will take place on May 6, 2026.
- Additional information regarding H.R. 1 implementation can be found on the [Pennsylvania Human Services Helpers webpage](#).



Recent Office of Long-Term Living Communications - VBP

- On March 17, 2026, the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) released a Listserv announcing the launch of the application period for the Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Innovation Showcase.
 - This special forum, hosted by the National Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) Health Plan Association, will offer providers a unique opportunity to pitch their most innovative ideas for VBP Models in the medium to high-risk categories.
 - Through a competitive application process, a subset of providers will be invited to present their ideas in person at a VBP Innovation Showcase in Harrisburg on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.
 - The brief application form is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5CV5N2> and all responses must be submitted by Friday, April 17, 2026.
 - An optional webinar took place on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 2 pm ET for providers interested in hearing more about the application and/or the showcase.
 - Additional questions can be sent to info@mltss.org.



Questions/Public Comments

