



Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Updates

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Subcommittee Meeting

July 1, 2026

Presenter: Juliet Marsala, Deputy Secretary



Agenda

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Office of Long-Term Living Procurement Updates

- Community HealthChoices (CHC) Request for Applications (RFA)
 - On June 1, 2026, the Department of Human Services (DHS) cancelled the RFA for the re-procurement of the CHC Program.
 - Additionally, on June 1, 2026, a Request for Information (RFI) was released on [PA-eMarketplace](#) seeking information to assist DHS with suggested input and information concerning the current CHC agreement for the anticipated re-procurement of the CHC Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).
 - Interested parties can provide feedback on the RFI by July 15, 2026.
 - The CHC program will continue to operate under the current CHC-MCOs and agreements until further notice.
 - All questions regarding the RFA and its content should be directed to Procurement at RA-pwrfaquestions@pa.gov. All questions regarding the RFI should be directed to Procurement at RA-PWRFICOMMENTS@PA.GOV.



Federal Proposed and Final Rules Updates

- On June 1, 2026, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an [Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#) requiring that certain adult Medicaid applicants and enrollees must, as a condition of Medicaid eligibility, meet an 80 hours per month work requirement, through employment, education, work programs, or community service.
- The rule also includes state data reporting requirements and establishes requirements for how states must assess and verify compliance and communicate the new requirement to Medicaid applicants and beneficiaries.
- A fact sheet on the Medicaid Community Engagement Requirement Interim Final Rule (CMS-2454-IFC), can be found here: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicaid-community-engagement-requirement-certain-individuals-interim-final-rule-comment-period-cms>.

Public Comments are due by July 31, 2026

Interested parties can submit comments at [Federal Register :: Medicaid Program; Community Engagement Requirement for Certain Individuals](#)



Federal Proposed and Final Rules Updates – 1

- On May 20, 2026, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed rule for public comment describing alternatives to modify the limit on the total payment rate and other requirements for State directed payments in Medicaid managed care.
- The proposed rule addresses:
 - Requirements pertaining to prepaid inpatient health plans and prepaid ambulatory health plans
 - Requirements pertaining to contracts between States and managed care organizations to provide payments under a risk-based contract for services and associated administrative costs that are actuarially sound.
 - Sets a limit for certain targeted Medicaid payments in Medicaid fee-for-service.
- CMS is accepting comments on the proposed rule for 60 days with the comment period ending on July 21, 2026.
- Interested parties can submit comments at: [Federal Register: Medicaid Program; Medicaid Managed Care State Directed Payments and Medicaid Fee-for-Service Targeted Medicaid Practitioner Payments](#)

Federal Proposed and Final Rules Updates – 2

- On June 2, 2026, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) proposed to revise the [Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance](#) to improve government-wide policies and requirements related to the management of grants, cooperative agreements, and other forms of assistance.
- OMB is proposing revisions that would improve transparency, accountability, and oversight for Federal awards across the Federal Government.
- OMB also proposes changes to reduce recipient burden. The listed Federal grant-making agencies propose conforming changes to their respective adopting regulations, or, in the case of some agencies and other entities, establishing new adopting regulations or policies. The proposed changes reflect the administration's commitment to transparency, accountability, and proper oversight for the Federal grantmaking process.
- Comments on the proposed rule are due on or before July 13, 2026. Comments on this proposal must be submitted electronically before the comment closing date to www.regulations.gov.



Rural Health Transformation Plan (RHTP) Updates

- Several projects that benefit participants who receive services by the Office of Long-Term Living have been approved for funding, and include:
 - Continuance and enhancement to the Nursing Facility Quality Investment Pilot Program from the Long-Term Transformation Office of the Department of Health
 - Expansion of Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) services via LIFE Northwestern Pennsylvania (NWPA) for older adults in rural Northwestern, Central, and Northeastern Pennsylvania
 - Paramedicine Program expansion for rural participants post hospitalization to allowing elderly participants in rural areas to be seen at home by paramedics rather than going back to the hospital for follow up
 - Certified Nursing Assistant Training opportunities for staff in rural nursing facilities
 - Enhancement of the PA link Network that helps older adults to be connected to resources to help with home care supports, long-term care planning, transportation, Medicaid applications and other resources.
- Additional information on the RHTP can be found at [Rural Health | Department of Human Services | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)



Human Services Licensing Annual Report Updates

- The Office of Long-Term Living's Bureau of Human Services Licensing (BHSL) recently posted the 2025 BHSL Annual Report on Personal Care Homes to the Department of Human Services website.
- These reports describe the facilities inspected and licensed, annual trends in the number of licensed facilities, the needs of the residents served in personal care homes and assisted living residences, the types of violations found, the nature of complaints and incidents received and investigated, the types of enforcement actions taken, and other BHSL activities.
 - The 2025 report can be accessed at [Bureau of Human Services Licensing 2025 Annual Report](#).



Adult Protective Services Annual Report Updates

- The Office of Long-Term Living's Bureau of Human Services Licensing (BHSL) recently posted the 2025 Adult Protective Services (APS) Annual Report to the Department of Human Services (DHS) website.
- The APS Act (35 P.S. § § 10210.101—10210.704), also known as Act 70 of 2010, (Act of October 7, 2010, P.L. 484, No. 70) requires the DHS to prepare an annual report to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the House Health and House Human Services Committees on the program and services performed by APS.
 - The 2025 report can be accessed at [Adult Protective Services | Department of Human Services | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#).



Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) Waiver Updates

- The Office of Long-Term Living received approval for the OBRA Waiver Renewal from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 18, 2026.
 - The renewal continues OLTL’s authority to provide services to participants ages 18-59 with development disabilities.
- Some of the changes included in the renewal:
 - Added a teleservice option for Behavior Therapy and Benefits Counseling Services
 - Revised language regarding the OLTL quality improvement strategy and quality monitoring process
 - Added beneficiary supports services (BSS) to the responsibilities of the Independent Enrollment Broker(IEB)
 - Required Service Coordinators to include Home and Community Based Services Settings requirements in all service planning activities.
- The current OBRA waiver can be viewed at [OBRA | Department of Human Services | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)



Community HealthChoices (CHC) Waiver Updates

- The Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) received approval for the CHC Waiver from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) with an effective date of July 1, 2026.
 - The renewal continues OLTL’s authority to provide home and community-based services to participants ages 21 and over.
- Some of the changes included in the renewal:
 - Added a teleservice option for Behavior Therapy and Benefits Counseling Services.
 - Added language to specifically address teleservice delivery of waiver services and the Home and Community-Based Settings Rule.
 - Removed and modified outdated language throughout the waiver.
- The current CHC waiver can be viewed at [CHC Waiver Amendment | Department of Human Services | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)

International Resident Assessment Instrument (interRAI) Software Upgrade

- Assessors have been advised to start new assessments in version 10 (v10) after June 26, 2026, and by July 6, 2026.
 - Confirmed at workgroup meeting June 30, 2026, that ALL Assessors and MCOs are now using V10 for new assessments.
- The official training course has been completed and is being published by Dering Consulting, our approved training contractor.
- InterRAI is in the process of publishing the Pennsylvania specific v10 Manual
- Workgroup will close out on July 14, 2026.



Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) Staffing Updates

- OLTL's John Eyer will be starting his role as the Bureau Director of Finance on July 4, 2026.
 - Veteran of the United States Army
 - Graduate of Shippensburg University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
 - 27½ Years with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in several positions: the Office of Developmental Programs working 7 years with the Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmental Disabilities and Targeted Services Management, 10 years with Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services including 8 years as Finance Manager at South Mountain Restoration Center, 5 years with Office of Medical Assistance Programs working as Section Supervisor with the HealthChoices Program, and 5 years with OLTL as the Director of Budget Development and Operations Division within the Finance Bureau
 - Completed the Nursing Home Administrator Program at York College in 2015

Thank You For Your Service, Randy Nolen!

- Started his career working in county government in 1983
- Started with the Commonwealth in May of 1994 and has been a public servant for over 32 years
- Official Retirement date is August 15, 2026.



Thank You and Congratulations!

Thank You, Randy Nolen!

- On January 28, 2005, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Randy A. Nolen helped to rescue Juancio Irizarry from burning. Irizarry, 59, was in a second-floor bedroom at the front of a three-story row house after fire broke out in the room and set the bed aflame. Nolen, 43, executive, drove by the scene and, seeing smoke issue from the bedroom windows, learned that Irizarry was in that room. He ran into the house and climbed the stairs to the second floor, as did another man who had been passing by and who had already attempted a rescue. Irizarry required hospitalization for extensive burns, and Nolen and the other man were given oxygen at the scene.



Thank You and Congratulations!

Questions/Public Comments

