



OLTL Updates Consumer Sub MAAC

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 - Community HealthChoices (CHC) Request for Application (RFA)
 - Was posted to e-Marketplace on January 30, 2024.
 - **All questions regarding the RFA and its contents should be directed to Procurement via the resource account RA-pwrfaquestions@pa.gov.**
 - Independent Enrollment Broker (IEB)
 - Contract signatures have been finalized and OLTL will be meeting and working with Maximus to implement the provision of the contract
 - There are no updates on the following that can be shared at this time.
 - Agency with Choice (AWC)

OLTL Participant Direction Workgroup

- Participant Direction Workgroup Recommendations
 - Next Steps:
 - The report containing the recommendations was sent to OLTL Deputy Secretary as well as DHS' Secretary upon its completion.
 - OLTL has been working on several specific recommendations particularly those involving;
 - Training
 - Training reimbursements
 - Easier access to Tempus website and clearer available instructions.
 - easier access and clearer instructions for using the employee wage calculator.
 - Continue to monitor MCO progress regarding DCW registry
 - Continue to work toward up to date rate setting sessions.
 - Increase call center staff training and program knowledge
 - Recommendation areas are currently in final stages of review with the Managed Care Organization's (MCOs) legal teams with others being put into action by Tempus/HHA/MCO IT departments.
 - OLTL is tentatively looking at summer for these to be finalized and available.

OLTL CHC Agreement

- Programmatic Changes to CHC Agreement
 - The CHC Agreement begins the DHS review process at the beginning of April each year.
 - Any recommendations would need to be made no later than March.
 - OLTL considers comments made during LTSS meetings, Consumer Subcommittee meetings, and other stakeholder meetings when considering changes to the CHC agreement each year.
 - OLTL agrees that adding a provision requiring a CHC-MCO to identify a change in condition or circumstances (or previous error) to justify a denial or reduction of previously authorized services can be incorporated into the 2025 agreement.

OLTL CMS Federal Final Rules

- Impact of the Proposed Federal Final Rule
 - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized three rules intended to improve access in both the Medicaid fee-for-service and managed care programs.
 - [Nursing Home Staffing Standards](#)
 - [Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services \(FFS\)](#)
 - [Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Access, Finance, and Quality](#)
 - DHS is currently working to determine the level of effort each rule will take to implement, as many of the requirements contained within the rules have effective dates ranging from 2-6 years.
 - Any communication on impact to State programs will be released consistently across the department.

▶ OLTL Adult Protective Services Regulations

- Final Rule to Establish First-Ever Regulations for Adult Protective Services
 - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Administration for Community Living (ACL), announced a final rule to establish the first federal regulations for Adult Protective Services (APS).
 - The new regulations promote high quality APS and will improve consistency in services across states.
 - With the final rule, ACL aims to support the national network that delivers APS, with the ultimate goal of better meeting the needs of adults who experience, or are at risk of, maltreatment and self-neglect.

OLTL Rehabilitation Act Section 504

- Final Rule to Strengthen Protections Against Disability Discrimination
 - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through its Office for Civil Rights (OCR) finalized a rule that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, titled *Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Health and Human Service Programs or Activities*.
 - The new regulations advances equity and bolsters protections for people with disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
 - The rule clarifies and strengthens civil rights protections for people with disabilities, addresses discrimination in medical treatment, adds enforceable standards for accessible medical diagnostic equipment, and ensures accessible web content and mobile apps.

Questions?

