

## MANAGED LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (MLTSS) INITIATIVE SUMMARY

- **What is it?** MLTSS is the delivery of long-term services and supports (LTSS) through a capitated managed care program. It will ensure that one entity is responsible for coordinating the physical health, behavioral health, and LTSS needs of participants, which will improve care coordination and health outcomes while allowing more individuals to live in their community.
- **Target population:**
  - a. Dual eligible adults (excluding individuals eligible for Medicaid-funded and Base-funded programs available through the Office of Developmental Programs) over the age of 21 who are entitled to Medicare Part A and/or Part B and Part D and are eligible for Medicaid benefits.
  - b. Nursing facility clinically eligible (NFCE) non-dual eligible adults age 18 and older who are eligible for the Pennsylvania Medicaid Program (excluding individuals eligible for Medicaid-funded and Base-funded programs available through the Office of Developmental Programs).
  - c. Non-Medicaid recipients of the Act 150 Program.
- **Plan Components:**
  - a. Person Centered Program Design and Service Plan Development
  - b. Services Care and Coordination
  - c. Access to Qualified Providers
  - d. Emphasis on Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
  - e. Performance Based Payment Incentives
  - f. Participant Education and Enrollment Supports
  - g. Preventative Services
  - h. Participant Protections
  - i. Quality and Outcomes-Based Focus

### **Concerns/Questions:**

To summarize some of the questions/concerns:

- The time frame to implement this process is very short, particularly for Southwestern Pennsylvania. The public comment period ends on July 15, 2015, and the implementation is scheduled to begin January 1, 2017. Every other state who has initiated this process has needed to extend their time line.
- How will consumers be affected by this initiative? (e.g. Will someone in an office far from the community be best suited for making decisions for consumers? Will consumers be limited to a “one size fits all” approach to treatment?)

- There should be an advisory committee established to offer feedback and advice in this process. This advisory committee should include at least 51% consumer and caregiver representation.
- There is no direct mention of Area Agencies on Aging in the discussion document. What will the Area Agencies on Aging's role be? Local Area Agencies on Aging are in touch with local consumers' needs and respond to them, as well as having a wealth of experience.

Because there are no specifics on how this will work, this is the best information we have right now. We will keep you posted as we move forward.

For complete documents, including the "discussion document" prepared by UPMC, testimony given at public hearings, and other information related to this initiative, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Human Service's website at [www.dhs.state.pa.us/foradults/managedlongtermsupports](http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/foradults/managedlongtermsupports).

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