Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Fact Sheet

On June 1, 2015, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania released a discussion document for managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS) in Pennsylvania (PA). The document shares the Commonwealth's current thinking on MLTSS with the public and announced opportunities for stakeholders to share their thoughts and ideas on how MLTSS should be designed and implemented in PA.

What is MLTSS?

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

The following populations will be included:

- 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,
- All 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), and
- Non-Medicaid recipients of the Act 150 Program.

Dual eligible adults without LTSS needs	318,000
Dual eligible adults with LTSS needs	104,000
Non-dual eligible adults who are nursing facility clinically eligible	23,000
Adults in Act 150 program	2,200

Plan Components

- Person-Centered Program Design and Service Plan Development: Services and supports will be based upon the needs of each unique individual. A standard assessment will be developed to ensure that individual service plans are based upon the assessed needs of individuals. The service planning process will be person-centered, maximize opportunities for self-direction, and include transitions between settings to ensure quality outcomes.

- Services and Care Coordination: Vendors will provide physical, behavioral and LTSS services. This coordination is a key component to ensure the health and welfare of participants and avoid unnecessary duplication of services.

- Access to Qualified Providers: Vendors will contract with appropriately qualified providers. Their network must provide access to an adequate number of providers, meet qualifications and credentialing, and provide participant protections.

- Emphasis on Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS): MLTSS will be developed consistent with current federal HCBS waiver requirements. This will require an emphasis on providing services in the least restrictive setting.
- Performance-Based Payment Incentives: A payment structure will be developed that encourages quality outcomes.
- Participant Education and Enrollment Supports: Participant education and enrollment support will provide conflict-free counseling for participants to understand their options, independent enrollment functions, and advocacy and ombudsman services.
- Preventative Services: Preventative services include, but are not limited to wellness checks, colonoscopies, mammograms, and preventative vaccinations as well as services to prevent deterioration.
- Participant Protections: Participants will have grievance and appeals processes available to ensure appropriate services are provided.
- Quality and Outcomes-Based Focus: MLTSS will include a quality evaluation component to ensure that the system is person-centered, coordinated, and provides improved outcomes.

Timeline

Description	Date
Discussion Document Release	June 1, 2015
Public Comment and Engagement Period including online/webinars options	June 1 through July 15, 2015 – continuing throughout the entire rollout
Deadline for Submission of Comments	July 15, 2015
RFP (Including all Three Phases)	Release October, 2015
Phase 1 Ramp-up Period	July-December, 2016
Phase 1 Enrollment Date	January 1, 2017
Phase 2 Ramp-up Period	July-December, 2017
Phase 2 Enrollment Date	January 1, 2018
Phase 3 Ramp-up Period	July-December, 2018
Phase 3 Enrollment Date	January 1, 2019

To read the full MLTSS discussion document and learn more about providing comments, visit www.dhs.state.pa.us/foradults and click on Managed Long-Term Services and Supports.