

FACT SHEET - COMMUNITY BASED LONG TERM CARE OPTIONS

PACE (Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly)

PACE provides a comprehensive health care plan for persons age 55 and older who are Medicaid and/or Medicare eligible and eligible for nursing home admission. Both Medicaid and Medicare pay for PACE services. PACE members are required to use PACE doctors. PACE is responsible for arranging all primary, in-patient hospital and long-term care services that are required by their members. In order to be eligible, consumers must require nursing home level of care.

MLTC Medicaid Plan (Managed Long-Term Care Plans)

MLTC plans provide long-term care services for Medicaid eligible persons age 18 and older. Services include home health care, nursing and personal care. Additionally, the MLTC plans provide medically necessary services that include dental care as well as medical equipment. Beginning November 1, 2012, MLTC plans will also provide Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) services. MLTC members will continue to use their Medicaid/Medicare cards to obtain medical services from their primary doctor and for in-patient hospital stays.

Medicaid Advantage Plus Plans

Medicaid Advantage Plus Plans are available to Medicaid and Medicare eligible consumers who are eligible to enroll in the same health plan for most of their Medicare and Medicaid benefits. Dual eligible consumers enroll in the same plan's Medicare Advantage and Medicaid Advantage Plus Plan products. The benefit of this program is the coordination of services under one service provider. Medicaid Advantage Plus Plans cover both acute and long-term care. To be eligible for the Medicaid Advantage Plus Plan, the consumer must be eligible for nursing home level of care.

For further assistance with PACE, MLTC, or Medicaid Advantage Plus Plans, contact New York Medicaid Choice 1-888-401-6582 or www.nymedicaidchoice.com

Long Term Home Health Care Program (LTHHCP)

LTHHCP is a Medicaid waiver program that offers disabled consumers and seniors with an alternative to institutionalization. The consumer is provided with a coordinated medical, nursing and rehabilitative plan of care that can be received at home.

This program entitles consumers to all regular Medicaid services. The consumer is also given access to: case management by RN's, home delivered or congregate meals, housing improvements, moving assistance, respiratory therapy, medical social services, nutrition/dietary services, respite care, social day care, and social transportation.

A licensed LTHHCP provider agency will assess the consumer to determine if s/he would benefit from coordinated medical and personal care. The LTHHCP provider refers those found potentially suitable to the Home Care Services Program's LTHHCP unit for a final decision regarding appropriateness for LTHHCP services.

For further assistance, or to obtain a list of the LTHHCP agencies that serve your neighborhood, call 212-835-7731.

Consumer Direct Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP)

CDPAP enables Medicaid consumers who are medically eligible for home care services to have greater flexibility and freedom in choosing their caregivers. This program provides services to chronically ill or physically disabled individuals who have a medical need for help with activities of daily living and/or with skilled nursing services.

Consumers must be able and willing to make informed choices regarding their plan of care or have a legal guardian, designated relative, or other adult able and willing to help make informed choices on their behalf. The consumer or the person acting on the consumer's behalf (such as the parent of a disabled or chronically ill child) **assumes full responsibility for hiring, training, supervising, arranging back-up coverage when necessary, coordinating other services, keeping payroll records, and terminating the employment of person providing services when necessary.**

For a consumer to apply for this service, his or her doctor must complete a Medical Request for Home Care Services (M-11Q) and send it to the local social services district (CASA). The CASA office will conduct an assessment and make a decision regarding personal care and CDPAP.

For further assistance, contact your case manager or local CASA office. You can get a list of the CASA offices at www.NYC.gov/HRA/homecare.

Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver (NHTD)

NHTD is a Medicaid waiver program which provides community based services to persons 18 years of age or older who require nursing home level of care. The NHTD waiver provides a community-based alternative to nursing home care. The program affords the consumer the option to receive an individualized comprehensive service plan that is delivered in the community, rather than in an institution.

Consumers are able to be in control of their lives and manage their care. Services available include but are not limited to service coordination, assistive technology, counseling, community transitional services, environmental modifications, congregate and home delivered meals, long-term care, respite services, and day programs. For a consumer to apply for this program, s/he must be Medicaid eligible and apply directly to the local social services district (CASA).

For further assistance, contact the Regional Resource Development Center, which is VNA of Staten Island, who will assist with the application process, at 718-816-3555.

Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver (TBI)

TBI is a Medicaid waiver program for persons between the age of 18 and 64 who were injured after the age of 18. The consumer must be diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury or a related condition and must be eligible for nursing home level of care. The goal of this program is to afford eligible consumers access coordinated Medicaid services needed to assist them to live in the community and achieve maximum independence. This program works with consumers and their families to develop a comprehensive plan of care to prevent unnecessary admissions into nursing homes and to help consumers leave nursing homes and live in the community.

For consumers who are currently placed in a nursing home and choose to reside in the community, a service coordinator will work with the consumer to obtain a living arrangement that can meet her/his needs. Consumers enrolled in the TBI program receive all regular Medicaid services and may have access to rent subsidies, housing supports, furniture grants, and coordinated counseling.

For further assistance, contact the Traumatic Brain Injury regional office under VNA of Staten Island, (718) 816-3528.