



AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Waiver Consolidation **Monthly Stakeholder Meeting**

Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver

Wednesday, July 26th, 2017

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Presentation Overview

- Background
 - Legislation and Waiver Consolidation
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Question and Answer Session



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Terminology

- **HCBS** - Home and Community-Based Services
- **LTC** - Long-term Care
- **MMA** - Managed Medical Assistance
- **PAC** - Project AIDS Care
- **SMMC** - Statewide Medicaid Managed Care



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Background



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The Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver

- Florida's 1915(c) Project AIDS Care (PAC) Waiver operates statewide and was designed to promote, maintain, and optimize the health of persons living with AIDS through the provision of home and community-based services, in order to delay or prevent institutionalization.



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What Changed?

- With the advances that have been made over the last decade in the treatment of HIV and AIDS, the majority of the people on the PAC Waiver do not use or need the home and community-based services offered through the waiver; they are currently only receiving case management services consistently through the PAC Waiver.



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New Legislation

- The 2017 Florida Legislature amended section 409.904, Florida Statutes to allow individuals who are diagnosed with AIDS to obtain and maintain Medicaid coverage without the need for enrollment in the PAC Waiver.



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Waiver Consolidation

- Recipients in the PAC Waiver who have been receiving more than case management services through the PAC Waiver, and who continue to need HCBS in order to live safely in the community will transition into the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-term Care (LTC) program for their home and community-based service needs and will continue to receive HCBS from an LTC plan.
- Recipients who are only receiving case management, therapeutic massage and/or specialized medical equipment and supplies through the PAC Waiver will continue to receive their medical, dental, behavioral health, and prescribed drug services from the same program they do now (mostly from an MMA plan).
- Anticipated transition date, January 1, 2018.



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Waiver Consolidation

- Individuals enrolled in the waivers will receive letters from the Agency and may contact the Recipient and Provider Assistance line at 1-877-254-1055 for additional information.
- Individuals will be able to choose a LTC plan at least 30 days prior to transition.
- The Agency's goal is to ensure continuity of care. During the transition period, transitioned recipients will continue to receive services from previously authorized providers.
 - The Agency will ensure that transitioning individuals' care plans are transferred securely to their chosen LTC Plan.



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Benefits

- Individuals with AIDS will be able to maintain Florida Medicaid eligibility and access to medically necessary services.
- The LTC program offers services consistent with those currently received through the PAC Waiver.
- The LTC program offers a more robust benefit package than the PAC Waiver, including enhanced case management standards and expanded benefits. The LTC program also offers recipients an opportunity to receive care/services through a program with enhanced quality outcome measures.



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Waiver Consolidation is NOT:

- **A way to reduce or eliminate services:**
 - Individuals with AIDS will maintain eligibility for Florida Medicaid under the same criteria as the PAC Waiver (section 409.904, Florida Statutes):
 - Have an income that does not exceed 300% of the Federal Benefit Rate (222% Federal Poverty Level), and
 - Meet hospital level of care
 - Individuals with AIDS who require HCBS and who meet the eligibility requirements for the LTC Waiver will continue to have access to HCBS.
 - PAC recipients who currently receive HCBS will be transitioned to the LTC program.
 - PAC recipients who do not receive HCBS will continue receiving their current Florida Medicaid services in the same manner they do now.



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Overview of PAC Services

Current PAC Waiver Services	LTC/MMA Services	Differing Service Titles
Case Management	LTC/MMA	Care Coordination/Case Management
Home Delivered Meals	LTC	
Education/Support Services	LTC	Care Coordination/Case Management Caregiver Training
Restorative Massage	MMA	Physical Therapy and Chiropractic Services available under the State Plan Service
Personal Care	LTC	
Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies	LTC/MMA	Durable Medical Equipment and Medical supplies available under the State Plan Service
Pest Control (Monthly)	LTC	Homemaker
Day Health Care	LTC	Adult Day Health Care
Chore Services	LTC	Homemaker
Homemaker Services	LTC	
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations	LTC	Home Accessibility Adaptations
Skilled Care (RN)	LTC	Intermittent and Skilled Nursing
Skilled Care (LPN)	LTC	Intermittent and Skilled Nursing
Therapeutic Management of Substance Abuse	MMA	Behavioral Health Services

Overview of Specialized Personal Care Services for Children in Foster Care

Current PAC Waiver Services	Recipient Future Access
Specialized Personal Care Services for Children in Foster Care	Florida Medicaid covers children via the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, which provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under age 21.



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FAQs



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FAQs

- **How will recipients be notified of this transition?**

- The Agency has begun to contact PAC Waiver recipients via telephone.
- Recipients will receive at least three written notifications from the Agency.



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FAQs

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- **How can I keep up-to-date on waiver consolidation?**

The Agency will conduct monthly webinars to keep you updated. Please see the schedule below and click the link to register. You will receive an email reminder from GoToWebinar the day before and one hour before the next webinar begins.

PAC Waiver Monthly Stakeholder Webinars

- Tuesday, August 15th
- Tuesday, September 19th
- Tuesday, October 17th
- Tuesday, November 14th
- Tuesday, December 12th

All PAC Waiver Monthly Stakeholder Calls will occur at 2:00pm.
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5247044693779038210>



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FAQs

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- **What happens between now and January 1, 2018?**
 - Recipients will continue to receive services through the PAC Waivers as usual until January 1, 2018.
 - The Agency will continue outreach efforts to stakeholders regarding the transition and will continue to provide additional information as it becomes available.
- Current waiver providers are encouraged to contact the health plans to engage in discussions about joining the plan's provider networks. Find information about the health plans at:
http://www.ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide_mc/providers.shtml.
- The Agency will continue to work with the health plans to ensure a smooth transition.



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FAQs

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- **How will this transition impact recipients that are dually enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid?**
 - This initiative will not impact recipients who receive services through a Medicare Advantage Fully Liable Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP).
 - Dually eligible recipients will continue to receive services, and any copayment or coinsurance assistance in the same manner they do now.



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FAQs

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- **Who will pay for my prescriptions?**
 - There will be no change to how individuals receive prescription drug services. This transition will not impact how individuals receive any non-Medicaid covered services, or Medicaid-related Medicare Part D copayment and coinsurance assistance.



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Resource/Contact Information

- By Phone: Contact the Recipient and Provider Assistance (RPA) line at 1-877-254-1055.
- By Email: FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com
- For additional information visit the Agency's Web site at:
[http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Policy and Quality/Policy/federal authorities/federal waivers/waiver changes.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Policy_and_Quality/Policy/federal_authorities/federal_waivers/waiver_changes.shtml)



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Questions?



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