



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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RE: Living Choice Program Update

Dear Provider/Management,

In providing the highest level of services to our waiver members and providers, the Long Term Care Waiver Operations (LTCWO) Division has taken steps to redesign the Living Choice Demonstration and Waiver Programs also known as Money Follows the Person (MFP). The case management/home health provider training and the quality survey feedback from providers helped the LTCWO staff improve the efficiency of these programs. Staff have invested time consulting and networking with partners, as well as, researching states with a high rate of transitions and delivering quality care for MFP members. As a result, the Living Choice Demonstration and Waiver Programs have implemented new process developments.

Effective March 1, 2014, The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences (OUHSC) Case Management Division will lead the efforts in pre-screening potential Living Choice candidates. OUHSC will be in charge of conducting the Uniform Comprehensive Assessment Tool (UCAT) to determine program appropriateness for the Living Choice Demonstration. This will allow the transitional coordinators/case managers to facilitate the transition from institution to community. Additionally, we developed a process to consistently follow, update, and assist in successful transitions. By employing a 30-day consultation process, the transitional coordinator/case manager and waiver staff will collaborate to resolve any potential barriers which may prohibit the member from transitioning into the community.

As part of our continuous quality improvements, we aim for program efficiencies. Currently, we are in the design phase for adding an enhancement feature that will allow transitional coordinators/case managers the ability to submit all forms online using a Provider Web Portal. Effective March 1, 2014, we began phasing in new forms that will streamline the LTCWO Division process. All new forms will be standardized and will list all of the programs in the heading, with one program checked. Please access all forms from the redesigned LTCWO Division website at <http://okhca.org/individuals.aspx?id=530> and complete electronically prior to submitting. Below are the new forms for each program:

Forms	Living Choice	My Life; My Choice	Sooner Seniors	Medically Fragile
Alternative Funds	X			
Common Intake Form	X			X
Critical Incident Evaluation w/ Investigation	X	X	X	X
Participant Consent & Rights	X	X	X	X
Program Checklist	X	X	X	X

Provider Communication	X	X	X	X
Release of Information	X	X	X	X
Transitional Funds	X			
Withdrawal / Discharge Form	X	X	X	X

****Community Service Plans & Addendums, Community Service Backup Plans, UCAT I & III, Quality of Life Surveys, Self-Direction, and TC/CM progress notes are all considered to be standard and mandatory form submissions for service delivery.**

Please forward this communication to all staff working with the Living Choice Demonstration and Waiver Programs operated within LTCWO. We encourage you to attend the Living Choice Advisory Council & Long Term Care Quality Initiative Council quarterly meetings to gain more insight into our most recent enhancements. These efforts were initiated to improve relationships with providers and stakeholders as well as to grow and expand our program efforts throughout Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shares your passion and dedication to the communities and providers we serve.

As always, we would like to thank you for your level of commitment and your dedication to our members.

Sincerely,



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