

Department of Social Services Community Options Quality Assurance Newsletter

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Chair Lift and Lifting Mechanism



PCA Waiver Changes

New services have been added to the PCA Waiver:

- Agency-based PCA
- Adult Day Health
- Mental Health Counseling

Mental health counseling must now be provided by a Masters Level Licensed Clinical Social Worker or Masters Level Licensed Professional Counselor (LCSW or LPC).

Agencies are in the process of enrolling as PCA Waiver providers. Allied will send out a list of AVRS IDs once enrollment is completed. Individual and agency-based PCAs can be mixed in the care plan. Budget overage

for the same number of individual hours replaced by agency-based PCA is acceptable.

DSS is in the process of amending the waiver to add PERS and MOW for those participants who cannot access CFC, with a retroactively effective date of 10/1/19.

Clarification on Lift Chairs and Chair Lift Mechanisms

Medicare and Medicaid do not cover lift chairs. They may be covered under assistive technology.

Only the lifting mechanism is covered, only if it's considered medically necessary and the following conditions are met:

- All therapeutic modalities have been tried to enable the client to transfer from a chair to a standing position and failed (e.g., medication, physical therapy).
- The client has severe arthritis of the hip/knee or the client has a severe neuromuscular disease.
- The client is completely unable to stand up from a regular armchair.
- Once standing, the client is able to ambulate.

The physician's statement must back this up or Medicare/Medicaid will not cover the lifting mechanism.

(source: Medicare.gov)

Change in Delay of Assessment Policy

Effective immediately, the box "Client's financial information under review by DSS" should be checked off as Delay of Implementation not Delay of Assessment. The Department recognizes that the financial eligibility process may take time. The

Delays, continued

emphasis is on the date the client is actually seen for the assessment.

Waiver Renewals

CHCPE: Support broker is no longer a service.

ABI: Adult Day Health providers are approved to provide Group Day Services.

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