



Changes to HOME Choice Program

Improving the Sustainability of Individuals in the Community

Important programmatic changes are happening in HOME Choice that will positively impact an individual's experience with HOME Choice.

Effective **July 1, 2017**, the changes include:

- Implementing a new screening process for HOME Choice applications and re-applications received prior to a 45 day Length of Stay (LOS) to assess HOME Choice eligibility criteria.
- Referring applications resulting in a Pre-Transition Case Manager (PTCM) on or after the 45th day of the LOS.
- Modifying expectations for completion of PTCM and Transition Coordinator responsibilities.



Why are changes happening?

- HOME Choice's program philosophy has evolved toward focusing on the sustainability of individuals in community.
- We are directing HOME Choice providers to thoroughly discuss, review, ask critical questions, and have the value-added conversations necessary to enhance a participant's sustainability after discharge.
- Each individual's needs and strengths will be considered with the goal of more successful community integration.
- The philosophy change extends to enhancing an individual's initial encounters with the program: application, interview with a PTCM and discharge planning with a Transition Coordinator.



What are the benefits of the changes?

- Improved care coordination for individuals
- Greater potential to achieve outcomes that maintain and/or improve health
- Successful community integration results for each individual
- Value-based services and quality-focused outcomes for higher levels of accountability
- Improved program efficiency
- More effective use of available resources

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