

Appendix D: Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery

Appendix D-1: Service Plan Development

State Participant-Centered Service Plan Title:

- a. Responsibility for Service Plan Development.** Per 42 CFR §441.301(b)(2), specify who is responsible for the development of the service plan and the qualifications of these individuals (*check each that applies*):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered nurse, licensed to practice in the State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Licensed practical or vocational nurse, acting within the scope of practice under State law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Licensed physician (M.D. or D.O)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Case Manager (qualifications specified in Appendix C-3)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Case Manager (qualifications not specified in Appendix C-3). <i>Specify qualifications:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Worker. <i>Specify qualifications:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (<i>specify the individuals and their qualifications</i>):

- b. Service Plan Development Safeguards.** *Select one:*

<input type="radio"/>	Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development <i>may not provide</i> other direct waiver services to the participant.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<p>Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development <i>may provide</i> other direct waiver services to the participant. The State has established the following safeguards to ensure that service plan development is conducted in the best interests of the participant. <i>Specify:</i></p> <p>Service Coordination agencies are required to be conflict free as defined in 55 PA Code, Chapter 52.28. A Service Coordination Entity may not provide other waiver services if the Service Coordination Entity provides service coordination services.</p> <p>Service Coordination agencies may provide the following services under an Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Delivered Meals; • Community Transition Services; • Non-Medical Transportation;

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- Home Modifications
- Assistive Technology
- Vehicle Modifications; and/or
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS).

Participants are not required to receive vendor services subcontracted through an OHCD. Participants are able to either select any qualified provider that has contracted with the OHCD, or select any other enrolled qualified provider. The Service Coordination provider cannot require a participant to use their OHCD as a condition to receive service coordination services from their agency.

Service Coordinators are responsible for ensuring participants are fully informed of all services available in the waiver, their right to choose from and among all willing and qualified providers, and to document receipt of the Service Provider Choice form in the participant's record. Service Coordinators are also responsible for providing participants with a list of all approved qualified providers during the ISP development process. This list is maintained by OLTL in SAMS. In addition, Service Coordinators are responsible for obtaining the participant's signature on the Service Provider Choice form indicating they were fully informed of all available qualified providers and documenting receipt of the Service Provider Choice form in the participant's record. Completed Service Provider Choice forms are also maintained in the participant's file with the participant's current Service Coordination Entity. OLTL monitors receipt of the forms as part of its biennial provider reviews by OLTL as listed in the Quality Improvement section in Appendix H.

Service Coordinators provide participants with a standard packet of information developed by OLTL. The packet contains information on participant rights and responsibilities, participant choice, applying for home and community-based services programs, the role of the Service Coordinator, participant complaints, appeals and fair hearings, how to connect to other community resources, participant direction, abuse, neglect and exploitation, and fraud and abuse. The packet provides participants with a basis for self-advocacy safeguards.

OLTL also provides a toll-free HelpLine for participants to report concerns about their provider. This toll-free HelpLine information is incorporated into the above-referenced participant information materials, the OLTL Service Provider Choice Form and the OLTL Participant Satisfaction survey.

- c. Supporting the Participant in Service Plan Development.** Specify: (a) the supports and information that are made available to the participant (and/or family or legal representative, as appropriate) to direct and be actively engaged in the service plan development process and (b) the participant's authority to determine who is included in the process.

The Individual Service Plan (ISP) development process is a collaborative process between the participant and Service Coordinator that includes people chosen by the participant, provides necessary information and support to ensure that the individual directs the process to the maximum extent possible, and is enabled to make informed choices and decisions, is timely and occurs at times and locations of convenience to the individual, and reflect cultural considerations and communication needs of the individual. The Service Coordinator provides information to the individual in advance of the planning meeting so that he/she can make informed choices about their services and service delivery.

A key step in developing the ISP is to complete OLTL's standardized needs assessment, which

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secures information about the participant’s strengths, capacities, needs, preferences, health status, risk factors, and desired goals and outcomes. It also includes other necessary medical, functional, cognitive/emotional and social information used to develop the participant’s ISP. The Service Coordinator reviews the information gathered with the participant, family, friends, advocates or others that are identified and chosen by the participant to be part of the ISP development process. If the participant uses an alternative means of communication or if their primary language is not English, the process utilizes the participant’s primary means of communication, an interpreter, or someone identified by the participant that has a close enough relationship with the participant to accurately speak on his/her behalf.

When identifying services and supports, the participant and family, friends, advocates or others consider all available resources. The ISP includes informal supports in the participant’s community, such as friends, family, neighbors, local businesses, schools, civic organizations, and employers.

Prior to the ISP meeting(s), the Service Coordinator works with the participant to coordinate invitations and ISP/Annual Review meeting dates, times and locations. The process of coordinating invitations includes the participant’s input as to who to invite to the meeting(s) and at times and locations of convenience to the participant.

The Service Coordinator assists the participant in the development of the ISP based on assessed needs.

- d. Service Plan Development Process** In four pages or less, describe the process that is used to develop the participant-centered service plan, including: (a) who develops the plan, who participates in the process, and the timing of the plan; (b) the types of assessments that are conducted to support the service plan development process, including securing information about participant needs, preferences and goals, and health status; (c) how the participant is informed of the services that are available under the waiver; (d) how the plan development process ensures that the service plan addresses participant goals, needs (including health care needs), and preferences; (e) how waiver and other services are coordinated; (f) how the plan development process provides for the assignment of responsibilities to implement and monitor the plan; and, (g) how and when the plan is updated, including when the participant’s needs change. State laws, regulations, and policies cited that affect the service plan development process are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable):

The individual service plan (ISP) contains essential information about the individual, which is used for planning, and implementing supports necessary for the participant to successfully live the life that they choose. ISP’s are based on written assessments and other supplemental documentation that supports the participant’s need for each Waiver and Non-Waiver funded service in order to address the full range of individual needs. All ISPs must be developed in accordance with 55 PA Code, Chapter 52. The Commonwealth also expects that the person-centered ISP must reflect the services that are important for the individual to address and support needs as assessed through a person-centered functional assessment, as well as what is important to the person with regard to preferences for the delivery of such supports. In order to make fully informed decisions, the Service Coordinator provides and reviews with the participant a standard packet of information developed by OLTL in advance of the ISP meeting. The packet contains information on participant rights and responsibilities, participant choice, applying for home and community-based services programs, the role of the service coordinator, participant complaints, appeals and fair hearings, how to connect to other community resources, participant direction, abuse, neglect and exploitation, and fraud and abuse.

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Who develops plan and participates in the process:

The participant and the participant’s Service Coordinator develop the ISP utilizing a participant-centered approach. This process includes the participant, people chosen by the participant, and the Service Coordinator. The Service Coordinator reviews with the participant the services available through the waiver that would benefit or assist the participant to meet the participant’s identified needs. The Service Coordinator must discuss the participant’s preferences and strengths including existing support systems and available community resources and incorporate those items into the ISP.

The timing of the plan and how and when it is updated:

The Service Coordinator ensures that the ISP is updated, approved, and authorized as changes occur. The Service Coordinator ensures that the ISP is reviewed and updated at least once every 365 days with the reevaluation of the participant’s needs or more frequently if there is a change in the participant’s needs. The Service Coordinator schedules the service planning meetings at times and places that are convenient to the participant.

The Service Coordinator gathers information on an ongoing basis to assure the ISP reflects the participant’s current needs. The Service Coordinator discusses potential revisions to the ISP with the participant and individuals important to the participant. When there is a potential change in the ISP, the Service Coordinator submits that change to OLTL through the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS). All changes to existing ISPs must be entered into SAMS by Service Coordinators within three business days of identifying that the participant’s needs have changed.

OLTL is responsible for the review and approval of ISP changes. OLTL staff receives all ISP review alerts in SAMS. OLTL staff reviewing these alerts each work day may request additional details or ask for clarification regarding the information that the Service Coordinator has included in the SAMS ISP and comments. Once the ISP is authorized by OLTL, the Service Coordinator ensures that the ISP change or changes are communicated to the participant and shared with the participant’s appropriate service provider or providers to ensure that service delivery matches the approved ISP. Changes to the ISP must be approved by OLTL prior to initiating changes in the service plan.

The types of assessments that are conducted:

Part of the enrollment process involves contracted entity’s completion of a level of care evaluation to determine whether the participant meets the Nursing Facility level of care. In addition a physician completes a physician certification form which indicates the physician’s level of care recommendation.

At the time of enrollment, the independent enrollment broker completes OLTL’s standardized needs assessment, which secures information about the participant’s strengths, capacities, needs, preferences, health status, risk factors, and desired goals and outcomes. It also includes other necessary medical, functional, cognitive/emotional and social information used to develop the participant’s ISP. The Service Coordinator uses the information gathered from the level of care assessment and the standardized needs assessment to develop the participant’s Individual Service Plan.

The Service Coordinator also reviews and updates the needs assessment at least once every 365 days or on an as needed basis to determine if the ISP requires any changes. If there are changes in the participant’s needs, the Service Coordinator must revise the ISP and have the participant sign

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the signature page of the ISP. .

How the participant is informed of the services available under the waiver:

The Service Coordinator is responsible to ensure all waiver participants are informed of home and community-based services funded through the Aging Waiver. This information is also available as part of the OLTL participant information materials and the OLTL website. The Service Coordinator describes and explains the concept of participant-centered service planning, as well as the types of services available through the Aging Waiver, to the participant at home visits and through ongoing discussions with the participant. In addition to describing the services available through the waiver, the SC also provides detailed information (described further in Appendix E) regarding opportunities and responsibilities of participant direction. These discussions are documented in the SAMS service notes for each participant

How the process ensures that the service plan addresses participant’s desired goals, outcomes, needs and preferences:

The Service Coordinator reviews the participant’s assessed needs with the participant to identify waiver and non-waiver services that will best meet the individual’s goals, needs, and preferences. If non-waiver services are not utilized, justification must be provided in the service notes for the use of waiver services. In addition, Service Coordinators review with the participant their identified unmet needs and ensure that the ISP includes sufficient and appropriate services to maintain health, safety and welfare, and provides the support that an individual needs or is likely to need in the community and to avoid institutionalization.

The Service Coordinator utilizes the assessments and discussions with the participant to secure information about the participant’s needs, including health care needs, preferences, goals, and health status to develop the ISP. This information is captured by the Service Coordinator onto a standard service plan form and then documented in the SAMS. OLTL reviews the participant’s record in SAMS against the requirements. The QMET review a sample of claims to ensure they meet the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency of services listed in the ISP. Furthermore, QMET reviews to ensure services are delivered in the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency as indicated in the approved ISP.

To ensure health care needs are addressed, a registered nurse is either on staff with the Service Coordination Entity or is available under contract as a nursing consultant to the Service Coordination Entity. The RN is required to review and sign the standardized needs assessment for individuals who are ventilator dependent, technology dependent, require wound care, are non-compliant with medications, non-compliant with self-care or if the participant requests to have an RN involved with the assessment of needs. The Service Coordinator is responsible for notifying waiver participants that an RN is available should the participant wish to have a nurse included in the assessment process. This option is also incorporated into the standardized information packets that are distributed to all waiver participants.

The Service Coordinator, in conjunction with the participant, gathers information on an ongoing basis to assure the ISP reflects the participants’ needs. Revisions are discussed with the participant and entered into the ISP in SAMS for OLTL review and if approved by OLTL, the updated service information is shared with the participant and service providers.

All ISP meetings and discussions with the participant are documented in the service notes.

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How responsibilities are assigned for implementing the plan:

Service Coordinators are responsible for documenting/addressing the following information in the ISP to meet the requirements of OLTL for approval and implementation:

- OLTL services reflect identified unmet needs
- Participant’s goals, strengths, and capabilities
- Coordination of waiver/program and non-waiver/program services
- Justification of services
- Preferences addressed
- Third Party Liability
- Informal Supports
- Community resources
- Any risks
- Assignment of responsibilities to implement and monitor the plan
- Individual back-up plan
- Emergency back-up plan
- Freedom of choice of service alternatives
- Choice of providers is offered
- Chosen service model
- Chosen providers
- Review of rights and responsibilities
- Contact with the participant, families and providers in service/journal notes
- Individuals who participated in the development of the ISP
 - The frequency and duration of all services

The Service Coordinator must obtain the signatures of the participant, participant’s representative and any others involved in the planning process, indicating they participated in, approve and understand the services outlined in the ISP and that services are adequate and appropriate to the participant’s needs. Every participant must receive a copy of his/her ISP. A copy of the signed ISP is given to the participant and a copy of the signed ISP must be kept in the participant’s file at the Service Coordinator Entity.

The Service Coordinator, in conjunction with the participant, is responsible for developing ISPs and updating them annually by performing the following roles in accordance with specific requirements and timeframes, as established by OLTL:

- Developing the initial ISP and subsequent revisions as required;
- Entering ISP’s into SAMS;
- Conducting the annual reevaluation at least once every 365 days and whenever needs change;
- Documenting contacts with individuals, families and providers;
- Recordkeeping;
- Locating services;
- Coordinating service coverage through internal or external sources;
- Monitoring services, including the participant’s individual back-up plan;
- Ensuring health and welfare of waiver participants;
- Follow-up and tracking of remediation activities;
- Sharing information;
- Assuring information is in completed ISP;
- Participating in ISP reviews;

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- Coordinating recommended services;
- Assuring participants are given choice of providers at least annually at the reassessment visit;
- Implementing the participant’s individual service plan; and
- Reviewing plan implementation.

The direct service provider is responsible for providing the services in the amount, type, frequency, and duration that is authorized in the ISP. The provider is responsible to notify the participant’s SC when the participant refuses services or is not home to receive the services as indicated in the authorized ISP.

The participant is responsible to notify their service provider when they are unable to keep scheduled appointments, or when they will be hospitalized or away from home for a significant period of time. The participant is responsible for notifying their SC when a provider does not show up to provide the authorized services and is responsible to initiate their individual back-up plan in such instances.

How waiver and other services are coordinated:

A team consisting of the participant, Service Coordinator, and others of the participant’s choosing consider all other potential sources of coverage as part of the service plan development process. The team reviews for any service coverage that may be available under the State Plan or other possible Federal programs or non-governmental programs before utilizing waiver services. The team also reviews for the availability of informal supports in the person’s community such as friends, family, neighbors, local businesses, schools, civic organizations and employers. Coordination of these services is guided by the principles of preventing institutional placement and protecting the person’s health, safety and welfare in the most cost effective manner. All identified services are outlined in the participant’s ISP, which is distributed by the Service Coordinator to the participant and providers of service. The Service Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that there is coordination between services in the ISP, including facilitating access to needed State Plan benefits, maintaining collaboration between OLTL sponsored services and informal supports, as well as ensuring consistency in service delivery among providers. Justification for limitations and/or not utilizing non-waiver services must be documented in service notes. OLTL reviews service plans to ensure that non-waiver resources, including State Plan covered services, are documented on the participant’s ISP.

The assignment of responsibility to monitor and oversee the implementation of the service plan:

Upon authorization of the ISP, the Service Coordination Entity forwards a copy of the OLTL Service Authorization Form to identified service providers. The Service Authorization Form provides detailed information regarding the type, scope, amount, duration, and frequency of the service authorized. Also included on the form is demographic information necessary for the delivery of the service (i.e. address, phone) and any information specific to the participant’s needs and preferences that are directly related to the service being rendered by the provider. The Service Coordinator must communicate service plan approval and changes to the participant and the appropriate service provider to ensure that service delivery is consistent with the approved ISP. The Quality Management Efficiency Teams (QMET) reviews the ISP against participant records and claims at a minimum biennially to ensure that the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency of services is actually provided by the direct service provider. The QMET also reviews the service coordination notes to ensure that the Service Coordination Entity is monitoring that services are appropriately delivered. The appropriate delivery of services is a regulatory requirement of all

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service providers, and failure to deliver services as identified in the ISP results in a Statement of Findings and potential penalties against the provider including and up to disenrollment.

Service Coordinators are responsible for monitoring the full implementation of the service plan, including the health, safety and welfare of the participant and the quality of the participant’s ISP through personal visits at a minimum of twice per year and telephone calls at least quarterly. Service Coordinator monitoring ensures that reasonable safeguards exist for the person’s health and well-being in the home and community. Personal visits and telephone contacts can be done more frequently to assure provision of services and health and welfare of the participant.

Service Coordinators are responsible for documenting and monitoring the following:

- The participant is receiving the amount (units) of services that are in the ISP.
- The participant is receiving the frequency of services that are in ISP.
- The participant receives the authorized services that are in the ISP.
- The participant is receiving the duration of services that are in the ISP.

OLTL monitors ISPs as part of the biennial monitoring for compliance with waiver requirements and ISP policies. OLTL also provides a toll-free HelpLine for participants to report concerns about their provider or the delivery of services. The toll-free HelpLine information is provided at enrollment, at annual reevaluations, and during the Service Coordinator’s participant service monitoring visits.

During the course of performing Retrospective Review of service plans, Bureau of Quality and Provider Management staff may notice issues regarding the implementation of the IPS or regarding health and safety. BQPM staff notifies Bureau of Participant Operations (BPO) staff for further investigation and resolution of such issues. While reviewing service plans, BQPM staff also looks at the participant’s history of incidents and complaints, and provide these details to BPO in addition to issues from the plan. Additional information regarding Retrospective Reviews of ISPs is available in the Quality Improvement Section of this Appendix.

- e. **Risk Assessment and Mitigation.** Specify how potential risks to the participant are assessed during the service plan development process and how strategies to mitigate risk are incorporated into the service plan, subject to participant needs and preferences. In addition, describe how the service plan development process addresses backup plans and the arrangements that are used for backup.

The ISP assessment process includes the identification of potential risks to the participant.

Risks are initially assessed through the level of care determination and the standard needs assessment that is completed during a face-to-face interview with the individual at the time of enrollment. Risks are identified and summarized into categories according to health/medical, community, and behavioral risks. The Service Coordinator will discuss these potential risks with the participant and whomever the participant chooses to have present such as the participant’s family and friends during the development of the ISP. The Service Coordinator, participant and any other participant chosen individuals will identify strategies to mitigate such risks that will allow participants to live in the community while assuring their health and welfare. The strategies utilized to prepare for risk are as individualized as the potential risks themselves, and will be incorporated into the ISP. The participant signs a statement as part of the ISP signature page agreement that indicates the Service Coordinator reviewed the risks associated with the participant’s goals and any identified strategies included in the plan to mitigate risk. This process verifies that the participant has participated in the discussion and has been fully informed of the risks associated with his/her goals while respecting the individual’s choice and preferences in the

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service planning process.

The Service Coordinator will also describe any unique circumstances on the ISP. The Service Coordinator will identify if any of the services available through the waiver would be appropriate for the participants' circumstances. The Service Coordinator will remain sensitive to the needs and preferences of the participant when identifying any risks or possible services that would assist the participant with addressing these risks. A specific service or combination of services may benefit the participant in these types of circumstances.

Emergency back up plans and priority arrangements to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the participant are developed and documented during the ISP development process. Emergency back up plans are also part of the ongoing service plan monitoring process at the Service Coordinator level. All participants are required to have individualized backup plans and arrangements to cover services they need when the regularly scheduled service worker is not available. Strategies for back up plans may include the use of family and friends of the participants' choice and/or agency staff, based on the needs and preferences of the participant. If the backup plan fails, participants may utilize the agency model to provide emergency backup coverage to meet their immediate needs. The Service Coordinator may reach out to and utilize home health or home care agencies for backup if necessary and document the details in the ISP. The Service Coordinator is responsible during regular monitoring to validate that the strategies and backup plans are working and are still current. To assist in assuring the health and welfare of the individuals, participants are instructed to contact Service Coordinators to report disruptions of backup plans and strategies.

f. Informed Choice of Providers. Describe how participants are assisted in obtaining information about and selecting from among qualified providers of the waiver services in the service plan.

At time of enrollment, the IEB educates participants that they have the right to choose the providers of the services they will receive, including Service Coordination Entities, and their right to choose a different provider for different services. Participants are free to change providers at any time by informing their Service Coordinator of the desire to make a change.

- Participants may also identify other non-waiver providers from whom they would like to receive services. This information will be given to the OLTL or designee who will make every attempt to recruit and enroll the provider in the waiver program.
- A current listing of enrolled providers is maintained by OLTL in SAMS and is automatically updated as new providers are enrolled. The current list is shared with participants by both the enrollment agency as well as service coordination providers.
- Participants are also given the toll free number of the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) so they may contact OLTL should they have concerns about their providers or questions regarding their ability to choose providers (including Service Coordination agencies) that provide the services in their service plan. The toll-free HelpLine information is provided to participants at time of enrollment, at annual reevaluations, and during the Service Coordinator's participant service monitoring visits.
- The enrolling agency is responsible for ensuring all individuals who are determined eligible for waiver services are given a list of all enrolled service coordination providers, and documenting the participant's choice of Service Coordinator on the OLTL Service Provider Choice Form.
- The Service Coordinator is responsible for ensuring participants are fully informed of their right

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to choose service providers before services begin, at each reevaluation, and at any time during the year when a participant requests a change of providers. The Service Coordination Entity is responsible for providing the participant with the OLTL Service Provider Choice Form, and ensuring that the participant has reviewed and signed the form

- The OLTL Service Provider Choice Form emphasizes to participants that they have the right to choose any qualified provider, and that they cannot receive service coordination and ISP services from the same provider. The OLTL Service Provider Choice Form serves to document each individual's choice.

OLTL staff reviews ISP information in SAMS. Service Coordinators are required to confirm in SAMS that the standard OLTL Service Provider Form has been completed whenever the Service Coordination provider submits a plan creation or plan revision to OLTL.

- g. Process for Making Service Plan Subject to the Approval of the Medicaid Agency.** Describe the process by which the service plan is made subject to the approval of the Medicaid agency in accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(i):

OLTL reviews and approves all initial ISPs. The Service Coordinator, in conjunction with the participant, is responsible to modify the ISP if the participant's needs change.

When there is a change in the ISP, the Service Coordinator submits that potential change to OLTL through SAMS. OLTL is responsible for the review and approval of ISP changes in SAMS. OLTL reviews a representative sample of ISPs as described in the Quality Improvement Section of this Appendix. In addition, OLTL ensures that participant's ISPs are developed according to OLTL requirements and in a fashion that supports participant's health and welfare through the Service Coordination oversight process.

Service Coordinators are required to review and update the participant's ISP at least once every 365 days and submits the annual review in SAMS. OLTL reviews a representative sample of ISPs as described in the Quality Improvement section of this Appendix. As stated above, OLTL ensures that participant's service plans are updated according to OLTL requirements and in a fashion that supports participant's health and welfare through the Service Coordination oversight process..

The process of developing and revising ISPs is monitored by OLTL as listed in the Quality Improvement section of this Appendix.

- h. Service Plan Review and Update.** The service plan is subject to at least annual periodic review and update to assess the appropriateness and adequacy of the services as participant needs change. *Specify the minimum schedule for the review and update of the service plan:*

<input type="radio"/>	Every three months or more frequently when necessary
<input type="radio"/>	Every six months or more frequently when necessary
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Every twelve months or more frequently when necessary
<input type="radio"/>	Other schedule (<i>specify</i>):

- i. Maintenance of Service Plan Forms.** Written copies or electronic facsimiles of service plans are maintained for a minimum period of 3 years as required by 45 CFR § 92.42. Service plans are maintained by the following (*check each that applies*):

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicaid agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Operating agency
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (<i>specify</i>):

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Appendix D-2: Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring

- a. Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring.** Specify: (a) the entity (entities) responsible for monitoring the implementation of the service plan and participant health and welfare; (b) the monitoring and follow-up method(s) that are used; and, (c) the frequency with which monitoring is performed.

The Service Coordinator plays a key role in ensuring the implementation and monitoring of the ISP as follows:

- Monitors the health and safety of the participant and the quality of services provided to the participant through personal visits at a minimum of twice per year and telephone calls at least quarterly. Personal visits and telephone contacts may be done more frequently as agreed upon by the participant and team to assure provision of services and health and welfare of the participant or in accordance with OLTL requirements. During monitoring contacts the SC is responsible for discussing the following information with the participant and documenting the information in SAMS service notes for review by OLTL:
 - The participant is receiving the amount, frequency, and duration of services that are in the approved ISP.
 - The participant is receiving the authorized services that are in the ISP.
 - The participant is receiving the amount of support necessary to ensure health and safety.
 - If the participant has reported any health status or other events (such as a hospitalization, scheduled surgery, etc.) or changes.
 - There is no duplication of services including waiver and non-waiver services.
 - Contacts with individuals, families and providers.
 - Ensures that each participant has a comprehensive ISP that meets the identified needs of the participant and is implemented as indicated on the ISP.
 - That the recommended and chosen services are being implemented.
 - That the back-up plan is effective and how often it has been used.

- Initiates and oversees the process of reevaluation of the participant’s level of care and review of ISP

- Addresses problems and concerns of participants on an as needed basis and report to OLTL with unresolved concerns.

OLTL reviews and approves the ISP through SAMS. The Service Coordinator receives an alert of approval or disapproval from OLTL in SAMS once the ISP is reviewed by OLTL staff. The Service Coordinator implements services once the ISP is approved by OLTL.

Additionally, the QMET monitor the following activities as being provided by the Service Coordination Entity. These activities are listed requirements in 55 Pa. Code § 52.26 (service coordination services).

- Services furnished in accordance with the service plan;
- Participant access to waiver services identified in service plan;
- Participants exercise free choice of provider;
- Services meet participants’ needs;
- Effectiveness of back-up plans;
- Participant health and welfare; and
- Participant access to non-waiver services in service plan, including health services.

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If a provider fails to meet a regulation or waiver requirement, a Corrective Action Plan is issued. For more information on the Corrective Action Plan process, please refer to Appendix C. Furthermore, OLTL has the option to enact sanctions against the provider for failure to meet a regulation, up to and including disenrollment.

Any deficiencies or issues identified through the review of the ISP will be presented to the Service Coordination Entity for remediation. The Service Coordinator will be notified through communication from BPO in the comments section of SAMS. The BPO will expect the Service Coordination Entity to outline a plan to correct the issue(s) and submit to BPO for approval and follow up with notification of remediation. The plan should include communication strategies for notifying the participant of any service that may be affected due to the discrepancy or inappropriateness of the service they have coordinated.

During the course of performing Retrospective Review of service plans, BQPM staff may notice issues regarding the implementation of the plan or regarding health and safety. BQPM staff notifies BPO staff for further investigation and resolution of such issues. While reviewing service plans, BQPM staff also looks at the participant’s history of incidents and complaints, and provide these details to BPO in addition to issues from the plan. Additional information regarding Retrospective Reviews of service plans is available in the Quality Improvement Section of this Appendix.

In addition, the F/EA assists both OLTL and the Service Coordinator in monitoring service utilization for participants who are self-directing their services. The F/EA is required to provide monthly reports to common law employers, service coordinators, and OLTL which display individual service utilization (both over and under utilization) and spending patterns. The F/EA is also responsible for providing written notification to the Service Coordinator of any common law employer who does not submit timesheets for two or more consecutive payroll periods.

b. Monitoring Safeguards. *Select one:*

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their agency.

Service Coordinators are responsible for ensuring participants are fully informed of all services available in the waiver, their right to choose from and among all willing and qualified providers. Service Coordinators are responsible for providing participants with a list of all approved qualified providers to the participant during the ISP development process. This list is maintained by OLTL in SAMS. In addition, Service Coordinators are responsible for obtaining the participant's signature on the Service Provider Choice form indicating they were fully informed of all available qualified providers and documenting receipt of the Service Provider Choice form in the participant's record. Completed Service Provider Choice forms are also maintained in the participant's file with the participant's current Service Coordination provider. OLTL monitors receipt of the forms as part of its biennial provider reviews by OLTL as listed in the Quality Improvement Strategy description in Appendix H

OLTL also provides a toll-free HelpLine for participants to report concerns about their provider. This toll-free HelpLine information is incorporated into the OLTL Service Provider Choice Form.

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