

GLOSSARY / ACRONYM GUIDE

WE KNOW THE **COMMUNITY HEALTH CHOICES (CHC)** ACRONYMS AND TERMINOLOGY CAN BE CONFUSING. KEEP THIS CHEAT SHEET NEARBY FOR REFERENCE.

AAA — Area Agency on Aging; These agencies provide and/or coordinate services to help older adults.

Applicants — Individuals who are applying for or re-applying for Medicaid, long-term services and supports and any other benefits DHS offers.

CHC-MCO — Community HealthChoices managed care organization; These are the health insurance plans that will be responsible for the physical health care and LTSS of their enrolled participants.

DHS — The state Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Department of Public Welfare).

Dual Eligible — An individual who receives both Medicare and Medicaid. In CHC, that includes individuals with Medicare Part A and/or Part B and Part D.

FED — Functional Eligibility Determination; the questions asked to determine if an individual is clinically eligible for a nursing facility.

HCBS — Home- and community-based services (also called waiver services). Supports and services

beyond those covered by Medicaid to enable an individual to remain in a community setting rather than be admitted to a long-term care facility, such as a nursing home.

IEB — Independent Enrollment Broker; An agency hired by the state to help people with the eligibility and enrollment process for CHC, HCBS and nursing homes.

LIFE Program — Living Independence for the Elderly; An option, different than HCBS, that allows people ages 55 and older to live independently while receiving services and supports that meet the health and personal needs of the individual. LIFE is a managed-care program that provides a comprehensive, all-inclusive package of medical and supportive services.

LTSS — Long-term services and supports; Services and supports to assist individuals to perform routine daily activities, such as bathing, dressing, preparing meals and taking medications.

Medicare — A federal health insurance program for seniors ages 65 and older, and adults with disabilities who also receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits.

NFCE — Nursing Facility Clinically Eligible; An individual meets the criteria to receive services through a nursing facility.

NFI — Nursing Facility Ineligible; An individual does not meet the criteria to receive services through a nursing facility.

OLTL — Office of Long-Term Living; The office within the Department of Human Services that administers programs for adults with physical disabilities and older Pennsylvanians and is responsible for oversight of the CHC program.

Participants — Those found eligible for the services/benefits for which they have applied.

SC — Service Coordinator; A qualified professional who is the CHC-MCO's designated point of contact for each participant's person-centered service plan and coordination of services.

Waiver — The way in which the federal government, waiving federal rules, allows states to provide Medicaid-funded services to people residing in the community who would otherwise be in an institution or nursing home to receive long-term care.