Application for a 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

PURPOSE OF THE HCBS WAIVER PROGRAM

The Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver program is authorized in 1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The program permits a State to furnish an array of home and community-based services that assist Medicaid beneficiaries to live in the community and avoid institutionalization. The State has broad discretion to design its waiver program to address the needs of the waiver's target population. Waiver services complement and/or supplement the services that are available to participants through the Medicaid State plan and other federal, state and local public programs as well as the supports that families and communities provide.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recognizes that the design and operational features of a waiver program will vary depending on the specific needs of the target population, the resources available to the State, service delivery system structure, State goals and objectives, and other factors. A State has the latitude to design a waiver program that is cost-effective and employs a variety of service delivery approaches, including participant direction of services.

Request for a Renewal to a 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

1. Major Changes

Describe any significant changes to the approved waiver that are being made in this renewal application:

The following significant changes to the approved waiver being made by this renewal applications are:

1) Revise case management qualifications to allow for up to one year's experience through a practicum, internship or clinical rotation to substitute for one year of the experience requirements for case managers with a master's degree in social work, sociology, psychology, gerontology or a related social services field;

2) Revise Performance Measures in Appendices A-I to update based upon CMS guidance titled "Modifications to Quality Measures and Reporting in §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Waivers" issued on March 12, 2014, to correct text in the approved performance measure such as deleting monthly and inserting quarterly, and to update the remediation language that no longer reflects the current process;

3) Update the spousal impoverishment policy as directed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS);

4) Add physical therapists employed by nursing facilities as qualified physical therapy services;

5) Remove the Structured Family Caregiving service from covered services;

6) Update the personal needs allowance description to replace the Federal Benefits Rate (FBR) with the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to reflect the process used by Florida's Department of Children and Family's ACCESS unit's procedures; and

7) Update the unduplicated count and cost projections for the new waiver period.

Application for a 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

1. Request Information (1 of 3)

A. The State of Florida requests approval for a Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver under the authority of 1915(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

B. Program Title (optional - this title will be used to locate this waiver in the finder):
   Long-term Care Waiver

C. Type of Request: renewal
**Requested Approval Period:** *(For new waivers requesting five year approval periods, the waiver must serve individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.)*

- [ ] 3 years
- [ ] 5 years

- [ ] Migration Waiver - this is an existing approved waiver

**Renewal of Waiver:**
Provide the information about the original waiver being renewed

**Base Waiver Number:** 0962

**Amendment Number**
(if applicable):

**Effective Date:** *(mm/dd/yy)* 05/01/14

**Draft ID:** FL.056.01.00

**Renewal Number:** 01

**D. Type of Waiver (select only one):**
- [ ] Regular Waive

**E. Proposed Effective Date:** *(mm/dd/yy)* 07/01/16

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### 1. Request Information (2 of 3)

**F. Level(s) of Care.** This waiver is requested in order to provide home and community-based waiver services to individuals who, but for the provision of such services, would require the following level(s) of care, the costs of which would be reimbursed under the approved Medicaid State plan *(check each that applies):*

- [ ] Hospital
  - Select applicable level of care
    - [ ] Hospital as defined in 42 CFR §440.10
      - If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the hospital level of care:

- [ ] Inpatient psychiatric facility for individuals age 21 and under as provided in 42 CFR §440.160

- [ ] Nursing Facility
  - Select applicable level of care
    - [ ] Nursing Facility as defined in 42 CFR §440.140
    - [ ] Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) (as defined in 42 CFR §440.150)
      - If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the ICF/IID level of care:

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### 1. Request Information (3 of 3)

**G. Concurrent Operation with Other Programs.** This waiver operates concurrently with another program (or programs) approved under the following authorities
Select one:
- Not applicable
- Applicable

Check the applicable authority or authorities:
- Services furnished under the provisions of §1915(a)(1)(a) of the Act and described in Appendix I
- Waiver(s) authorized under §1915(b) of the Act.
  - Specify the §1915(b) waiver program and indicate whether a §1915(b) waiver application has been submitted or previously approved: Florida Long-term Care Managed Care, which is being submitted concurrently with this 1915(c) application.
  - Specify the §1915(b) authorities under which this program operates (check each that applies):
    - §1915(b)(1) (mandated enrollment to managed care)
    - §1915(b)(2) (central broker)
    - §1915(b)(3) (employ cost savings to furnish additional services)
    - §1915(b)(4) (selective contracting/limit number of providers)

- A program operated under §1932(a) of the Act.

Specify the §1915(b) authorities under which this program operates (check each that applies):
- A program operated under §1932(a) of the Act.

Specify the nature of the State Plan benefit and indicate whether the State Plan Amendment has been submitted or previously approved:

- A program authorized under §1915(i) of the Act.
- A program authorized under §1915(j) of the Act.
- A program authorized under §1115 of the Act.

Specify the program:

H. Dual Eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare.

Check if applicable:
- This waiver provides services for individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

2. Brief Waiver Description

Brief Waiver Description. In one page or less, briefly describe the purpose of the waiver, including its goals, objectives, organizational structure (e.g., the roles of state, local and other entities), and service delivery methods. The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA/State) is submitting a 1915(b) and a 1915(c) waiver application to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to renew the Florida Long-Term Care Managed Care Program. Section 409.978 of Florida Statutes authorizes the development of a statewide long-term care managed care program for Medicaid enrollees who are (a) 65 years of age or older, or age 18 or older and eligible for Medicaid by reason of a disability; and (b) determined to require nursing facility level of care. AHCA will administer the Florida Long-Term Care Managed Care Program in partnership with the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA).

The specific authorities requested in the 1915(b) and (c) waiver applications will continue to allow the State to require eligible Medicaid recipients to receive their nursing facility, and home and community based services (HCBS) through long-term care (LTC) plans selected by the State through a competitive procurement process. Nursing facility level of care will continue to be determined by the existing Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-Term Care Services (CARES) Bureau. No HCBS funding will be used to fund nursing facility services. Medicaid recipients eligible for the Florida Long-Term Care Managed Care Program will have a choice of plans and may select any plan available to them in their region. The State was divided into eleven regions, each of which is required to have a specified number of long-term care plans, which were be selected through a competitive procurement.

In renewing the Florida Long-Term Care Managed Care Program, AHCA will, together with DOEA, monitor plan performance, measure quality of service delivery, identify and remediate any issues, and facilitate working relationships between LTC plans and providers. Through these efforts, the state has created incentives to serve recipients in the least restrictive setting, and eligible recipients should receive improved access to care and quality of care.
3. Components of the Waiver Request

The waiver application consists of the following components. Note: Item 3-E must be completed.

A. Waiver Administration and Operation. Appendix A specifies the administrative and operational structure of this waiver.

B. Participant Access and Eligibility. Appendix B specifies the target group(s) of individuals who are served in this waiver, the number of participants that the State expects to serve during each year that the waiver is in effect, applicable Medicaid eligibility and post-eligibility (if applicable) requirements, and procedures for the evaluation and reevaluation of level of care.

C. Participant Services. Appendix C specifies the home and community-based waiver services that are furnished through the waiver, including applicable limitations on such services.

D. Participant-Centered Service Planning and Delivery. Appendix D specifies the procedures and methods that the State uses to develop, implement and monitor the participant-centered service plan (of care).

E. Participant-Direction of Services. When the State provides for participant direction of services, Appendix E specifies the participant direction opportunities that are offered in the waiver and the supports that are available to participants who direct their services. (Select one):

- Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. Appendix E is required.
- No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. Appendix E is not required.

F. Participant Rights. Appendix F specifies how the State informs participants of their Medicaid Fair Hearing rights and other procedures to address participant grievances and complaints.

G. Participant Safeguards. Appendix G describes the safeguards that the State has established to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants in specified areas.

H. Quality Improvement Strategy. Appendix H contains the Quality Improvement Strategy for this waiver.

I. Financial Accountability. Appendix I describes the methods by which the State makes payments for waiver services, ensures the integrity of these payments, and complies with applicable federal requirements concerning payments and federal financial participation.

J. Cost-Neutrality Demonstration. Appendix J contains the State's demonstration that the waiver is cost-neutral.

4. Waiver(s) Requested

A. Comparability. The State requests a waiver of the requirements contained in 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act in order to provide the services specified in Appendix C that are not otherwise available under the approved Medicaid State plan to individuals who: (a) require the level(s) of care specified in Item 1.F and (b) meet the target group criteria specified in Appendix B.

B. Income and Resources for the Medically Needy. Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III) of the Act in order to use institutional income and resource rules for the medically needy (select one):

- Not Applicable
- No
- Yes

C. Statewideness. Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of the statewideness requirements in 1902(a)(1) of the Act (select one):

- No
- Yes

If yes, specify the waiver of statewideness that is requested (check each that applies):

- [ ] Geographic Limitation. A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to furnish services under this waiver only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State.
Specify the areas to which this waiver applies and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:

☐ Limited Implementation of Participant-Direction. A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to make participant-direction of services as specified in Appendix E available only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State. Participants who reside in these areas may elect to direct their services as provided by the State or receive comparable services through the service delivery methods that are in effect elsewhere in the State. Specify the areas of the State affected by this waiver and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:

5. Assurances

In accordance with 42 CFR 441.302, the State provides the following assurances to CMS:

A. Health & Welfare: The State assures that necessary safeguards have been taken to protect the health and welfare of persons receiving services under this waiver. These safeguards include:

   1. As specified in Appendix C, adequate standards for all types of providers that provide services under this waiver;

   2. Assurance that the standards of any State licensure or certification requirements specified in Appendix C are met for services or for individuals furnishing services that are provided under the waiver. The State assures that these requirements are met on the date that the services are furnished; and,

   3. Assurance that all facilities subject to 1616(e) of the Act where home and community-based waiver services are provided comply with the applicable State standards for board and care facilities as specified in Appendix C.

B. Financial Accountability. The State assures financial accountability for funds expended for home and community-based services and maintains and makes available to the Department of Health and Human Services (including the Office of the Inspector General), the Comptroller General, or other designees, appropriate financial records documenting the cost of services provided under the waiver. Methods of financial accountability are specified in Appendix I.

C. Evaluation of Need: The State assures that it provides for an initial evaluation (and periodic reevaluations, at least annually) of the need for a level of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual might need such services in the near future (one month or less) but for the receipt of home and community-based services under this waiver. The procedures for evaluation and reevaluation of level of care are specified in Appendix B.

D. Choice of Alternatives: The State assures that when an individual is determined to be likely to require the level of care specified for this waiver and is in a target group specified in Appendix B, the individual (or, legal representative, if applicable) is:

   1. Informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and,

   2. Given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based waiver services. Appendix B specifies the procedures that the State employs to ensure that individuals are informed of feasible alternatives under the waiver and given the choice of institutional or home and community-based waiver services.

E. Average Per Capita Expenditures: The State assures that, for any year that the waiver is in effect, the average per capita expenditures under the waiver will not exceed 100 percent of the average per capita expenditures that would have been made under the Medicaid State plan for the level(s) of care specified for this waiver had the waiver not been granted. Cost-neutrality is demonstrated in Appendix J.
F. **Actual Total Expenditures:** The State assures that the actual total expenditures for home and community-based waiver and other Medicaid services and its claim for FFP in expenditures for the services provided to individuals under the waiver will not, in any year of the waiver period, exceed 100 percent of the amount that would be incurred in the absence of the waiver by the State's Medicaid program for these individuals in the institutional setting(s) specified for this waiver.

G. **Institutionalization Absent Waiver:** The State assures that, absent the waiver, individuals served in the waiver would receive the appropriate type of Medicaid-funded institutional care for the level of care specified for this waiver.

H. **Reporting:** The State assures that annually it will provide CMS with information concerning the impact of the waiver on the type, amount and cost of services provided under the Medicaid State plan and on the health and welfare of waiver participants. This information will be consistent with a data collection plan designed by CMS.

I. **Habilitation Services.** The State assures that prevocational, educational, or supported employment services, or a combination of these services, if provided as habilitation services under the waiver are: (1) not otherwise available to the individual through a local educational agency under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and, (2) furnished as part of expanded habilitation services.

J. **Services for Individuals with Chronic Mental Illness.** The State assures that federal financial participation (FFP) will not be claimed in expenditures for waiver services including, but not limited to, day treatment or partial hospitalization, psychosocial rehabilitation services, and clinic services provided as home and community-based services to individuals with chronic mental illnesses if these individuals, in the absence of a waiver, would be placed in an IMD and are: (1) age 22 to 64; (2) age 65 and older and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR 440.140; or (3) age 21 and under and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR 440.160.

### 6. Additional Requirements

**Note:** Item 6-I must be completed.

A. **Service Plan.** In accordance with 42 CFR 441.301(b)(1)(i), a participant-centered service plan (of care) is developed for each participant employing the procedures specified in Appendix D. All waiver services are furnished pursuant to the service plan. The service plan describes: (a) the waiver services that are furnished to the participant, their projected frequency and the type of provider that furnishes each service and (b) the other services (regardless of funding source, including State plan services) and informal supports that complement waiver services in meeting the needs of the participant. The service plan is subject to the approval of the Medicaid agency. Federal financial participation (FFP) is not claimed for waiver services furnished prior to the development of the service plan or for services that are not included in the service plan.

B. **Inpatients.** In accordance with 42 CFR 441.301(b)(1)(ii), waiver services are not furnished to individuals who are in-patients of a hospital, nursing facility or ICF/IID.

C. **Room and Board.** In accordance with 42 CFR 441.310(a)(2), FFP is not claimed for the cost of room and board except when: (a) provided as part of respite services in a facility approved by the State that is not a private residence or (b) claimed as a portion of the rent and food that may be reasonably attributed to an unrelated caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant, as provided in Appendix I.

D. **Access to Services.** The State does not limit or restrict participant access to waiver services except as provided in Appendix C.

E. **Free Choice of Provider.** In accordance with 42 CFR 431.151, a participant may select any willing and qualified provider to furnish waiver services included in the service plan unless the State has received approval to limit the number of providers under the provisions of 1915(b) or another provision of the Act.

F. **FFP Limitation.** In accordance with 42 CFR 433 Subpart D, FFP is not claimed for services when another third-party (e.g., another third party health insurer or other federal or state program) is legally liable and responsible for the provision and payment of the service. FFP also may not be claimed for services that are available without charge, or as free care to the community. Services will not be considered to be without charge, or free care, when (1) the provider establishes a fee schedule for each service available and (2) collects insurance information from all those served (Medicaid, and non-Medicaid), and bills other legally liable third party insurers. Alternatively, if a provider...
certifies that a particular legally liable third party insurer does not pay for the service(s), the provider may not generate further bills for that insurer for that annual period.

G. **Fair Hearing**: The State provides the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing under 42 CFR 431 Subpart E, to individuals: (a) who are not given the choice of home and community-based waiver services as an alternative to institutional level of care specified for this waiver; (b) who are denied the service(s) of their choice or the provider(s) of their choice; or (c) whose services are denied, suspended, reduced or terminated. **Appendix F** specifies the State's procedures to provide individuals the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing, including providing notice of action as required in 42 CFR 431.210.

H. **Quality Improvement**: The State operates a formal, comprehensive system to ensure that the waiver meets the assurances and other requirements contained in this application. Through an ongoing process of discovery, remediation and improvement, the State assures the health and welfare of participants by monitoring: (a) level of care determinations; (b) individual plans and services delivery; (c) provider qualifications; (d) participant health and welfare; (e) financial oversight and (f) administrative oversight of the waiver. The State further assures that all problems identified through its discovery processes are addressed in an appropriate and timely manner, consistent with the severity and nature of the problem. During the period that the waiver is in effect, the State will implement the Quality Improvement Strategy specified in **Appendix H**.

I. **Public Input**: Describe how the State secures public input into the development of the waiver:
The Agency will provide public notice as specified in 42 CFR 441.304(f) to solicit meaningful input from recipients, providers and all stakeholders on waiver amendments or renewals at least 30 days prior to submission. The Agency will post the waiver renewal request and a summary of the changes to the Agency website for public review and comment. The agency will also publish a notice of the Agency's intent to renew the waiver through the Florida Administrative Register and through a provider alert.

J. **Notice to Tribal Governments**: The State assures that it has notified in writing all federally-recognized Tribal Governments that maintain a primary office and/or majority population within the State of the State's intent to submit a Medicaid waiver request or renewal request to CMS at least 60 days before the anticipated submission date is provided by Presidential Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000. Evidence of the applicable notice is available through the Medicaid Agency.

K. **Limited English Proficient Persons**: The State assures that it provides meaningful access to waiver services by Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with: (a) Presidential Executive Order 13166 of August 11, 2000 (65 FR 50121) and (b) Department of Health and Human Services "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (68 FR 47311 - August 8, 2003). **Appendix B** describes how the State assures meaningful access to waiver services by Limited English Proficient persons.

7. **Contact Person(s)**

A. The Medicaid agency representative with whom CMS should communicate regarding the waiver is:

   **Last Name:**

   Young

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   Keith

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B. If applicable, the State operating agency representative with whom CMS should communicate regarding the waiver is:
Last Name:
First Name:
Title:
Agency:
Address:
Address 2:
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Zip:

Phone: [ ] TTY
8. Authorizing Signature

This document, together with Appendices A through J, constitutes the State's request for a waiver under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The State assures that all materials referenced in this waiver application (including standards, licensure and certification requirements) are readily available in print or electronic form upon request to CMS through the Medicaid agency or, if applicable, from the operating agency specified in Appendix A. Any proposed changes to the waiver will be submitted by the Medicaid agency to CMS in the form of waiver amendments. Upon approval by CMS, the waiver application serves as the State's authority to provide home and community-based waiver services to the specified target groups. The State attests that it will abide by all provisions of the approved waiver and will continuously operate the waiver in accordance with the assurances specified in Section 5 and the additional requirements specified in Section 6 of the request.

Signature:

State Medicaid Director or Designee

Submission Date:

Note: The Signature and Submission Date fields will be automatically completed when the State Medicaid Director submits the application.

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Attachments

Attachment #1: Transition Plan
Check the box next to any of the following changes from the current approved waiver. Check all boxes that apply.

☐ Replacing an approved waiver with this waiver.
☐ Combining waivers.
☐ Splitting one waiver into two waivers.
☐ Eliminating a service.
☐ Adding or decreasing an individual cost limit pertaining to eligibility.
☐ Adding or decreasing limits to a service or a set of services, as specified in Appendix C.
☐ Reducing the unduplicated count of participants (Factor C).
☐ Adding new, or decreasing, a limitation on the number of participants served at any point in time.
☐ Making any changes that could result in some participants losing eligibility or being transferred to another waiver under 1915(c) or another Medicaid authority.
☐ Making any changes that could result in reduced services to participants.

Specify the transition plan for the waiver:

Attachment #2: Home and Community-Based Settings Waiver Transition Plan
Specify the state’s process to bring this waiver into compliance with federal home and community-based (HCB) settings requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5), and associated CMS guidance.
Consult with CMS for instructions before completing this item. This field describes the status of a transition process at the point in time of submission. Relevant information in the planning phase will differ from information required to describe attainment of milestones.
To the extent that the state has submitted a statewide HCB settings transition plan to CMS, the description in this field may reference that statewide plan. The narrative in this field must include enough information to demonstrate that this waiver complies with federal HCB settings requirements, including the compliance and transition requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(6), and that this submission is consistent with the portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan that are germane to this waiver. Quote or summarize germane portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan as required.
Note that Appendix C-5 HCB Settings describes settings that do not require transition; the settings listed there meet federal HCB setting requirements as of the date of submission. Do not duplicate that information here.
Update this field and Appendix C-5 when submitting a renewal or amendment to this waiver for other purposes. It is not necessary for the state to amend the waiver solely for the purpose of updating this field and Appendix C-5. At the end of the state's HCB settings transition process for this waiver, when all waiver settings meet federal HCB setting requirements, enter "Completed" in this field, and include in Section C-5 the information on all HCB settings in the waiver.

Waiver Specific Transition Plan
Long-term Care Waiver 1915(c) Compliance
I. Purpose

The purpose of this waiver specific transition plan is to ensure that individuals receiving HCBS in the Long-term Care (LTC) Waiver are integrated in and have access to supports in the community including opportunities to seek employment, work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, and control personal resources. The transition plan describes how the state will assess, determine compliance, remediate and monitor continued compliance with the HCB settings requirements. The transition plan outlines Florida’s process with timeframes that will be used to ensure compliance with the HCB Setting Rule.

II. Overview

The LTC Waiver is managed by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency). The LTC Waiver is being assessed to ensure individuals receiving HCBS services have access to a home-like environment and community inclusion, and that all HCBS settings are in compliance with the HCB Setting Rule requirements specified in 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4).

The waiver specific transition plan includes:

- An overall programmatic assessment;
- A regulatory assessment;
- A residential settings assessment;
- A non-residential settings assessment;
- A description of the public notice process;
- A timeline of transition plan milestones;
- A state rules and regulations crosswalk;
- The HCB Characteristics Review Tool for Residential Facilities and
- The HCB Characteristics Review Tool for Non-Residential Settings.

III. Compliance Assessment

A. Overall Programmatic Assessment

To assess the level of compliance with the HCB setting requirements, Florida assessed the State’s regulatory requirements for LTC facilities, the LTC managed care contract requirements, and the LTC monitoring process. The assessment was conducted to determine whether the facilities:

- fully align with the Federal requirements,
- do not comply with the federal requirements and will require modifications,
- cannot meet the federal requirements and require removal from the program and/or the relocation of individuals, or
- are presumed to be institutional as specified in 42 CFR 441.301(c)(5).

Based upon our current information, this rule can be implemented.

B. Service Assessment

To determine the level of compliance with the HCB setting requirements specified in 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4), Florida first accessed the services offered under the LTC waiver. Based upon this analysis, the Agency has determined services under the LTC are delivered in locations where the HCB setting rule applies. The following table lists the LTC services and the settings in which the services are provided. This review was completed by August 25, 2014.

C. Regulatory Assessment

As part of the assessment of current state regulations, standards, and policy, the Agency has determined the State does not have any significant barriers that would impede the LTC program’s compliance with the HCB setting requirements. To assess regulatory requirements, the Agency reviewed all applicable state rules and statutes and determined their compliance with federal regulation. Please see the following Florida Statutes, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and Regulations Crosswalk, which outlines the State’s assessment process and its results.

State Rules and Regulations Crosswalk

State Regulatory Requirement—Description—Settings Impacted—Compliance with Rule—Action Step

Chapter 393.066, F. S. -Developmental Disabilities, Community Services treatment, Comprehensive Redesign-Ongoing
To ensure continued compliance, the Agency will monitor on an on-going basis all changes to future state statutes, regulations, standards, and policy each year.

D. Residential Setting Assessment
All residential facilities are assessed for compliance with the HCB settings requirements as part of the credentialing process used for the LTC plans' provider networks. During program implementation, the State reviewed a sample of residential settings to validate the plan's findings. The LTC contract includes plan requirements for HCB settings, and other provider requirements, and prohibits inclusion of any facilities in plan networks that do not meet these standards.

Ongoing on-site monitoring and validation is conducted by the Agency or its designee using the HCB Characteristics Residential Tool. The assessment tool is designed by the State to determine whether residential providers are compliant with the HCB settings requirements: home-like environment, and community inclusion. Facility reviewers are instructed to employ multiple assessment tactics when analyzing each standard including independent observation, record and file review, provider interviews, and resident/recipient questions as appropriate.

The Agency will continue assessing the residential monitoring tool and provider training in accordance with its findings. For a timeline of all steps required in the assessment of residential facilities, please see the Implementation Action Plan below.

Based on the initial assessment completed by August 25, 2014, the Agency does not anticipate that any of the residential facilities will be unable to meet the federal requirements.

E. Non-Residential Setting Assessment
The Agency has developed an assessment tool to evaluate the non-residential settings to ensure compliance with the federal requirements. Please see Attachment IV to view the Tool. The Agency will send providers the developed tool for the purposes of self-assessment. Based on the results and provider feedback, the Agency will determine initial compliance, identify remediation steps and modify the tool as necessary.
The Agency will also incorporate the finalized assessment tool into the LTC monitoring process as described under ‘Residential Settings Assessment’. This will ensure the validity of all provider assessments and allow the Agency to determine future actions necessary to ensure continued compliance with the federal requirements.

For a timeline of steps required in the assessment of non-residential facilities, please see the following Implementation Action Plan for the LTC Waiver Specific Transition Plan for plan milestones.

**Implementation Action Plan for LTC Waiver Specific Transition Plan**

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Program Monitoring—Develop process to monitor waiver operations, policies and LTC plan activities for continued compliance with the HCB Settings Rule—5/1/15—6/30/15—AHCA—In process Provider Monitoring—Develop provider monitoring process to ensure continued compliance—7/1/15—12/31/15—AHCA—Completed
Site Monitoring—Monitor provider sites for compliance with HCBS settings rule—2/1/16—Ongoing—AHCA, Stakeholders—In process

IV. Remediation

The State will develop a comprehensive remediation strategy that optimizes cooperation and consultation between the State and providers while minimizing any potential negative impact on individuals who receive services in these settings. The strategy will allow for time for providers to rectify deficiencies in order to comply with the rule. Remediation plans will be highly individualized and provider-driven, based on the individual provider assessments.

The State will determine compliance and necessary remediation actions through its assessment process. Based on its assessment results, the State will determine into which CMS-provided compliance category a setting falls by determining whether the setting:
• Fully aligns with the federal requirements,
• Does not comply with the federal requirements and will require modifications,
• Cannot meet the federal requirements and require removal from the program and/or the relocation of individuals, or
• Is presumed to be institutional as specified in 42 CFR 441.301(c)(5).

For sites that are determined to be fully aligned with federal requirements, the State will ensure continued compliance through routine monitoring and evaluation of the site.
For sites that do not comply with the federal requirements and will require modifications, the State will initiate the following remediation steps:
• The Agency, or its delegate will send written findings and a determination of compliance to the provider based on the site survey or monitoring.
• The provider will have a given timeframe in which to respond to the Agency, or its delegate, with a remediation action plan and engage in further discussion.
• The Agency, or its delegate will approve the provider remediation plan and monitor its implementation progress. The plan may be modified with approval, throughout the implementation process.
• The Agency, or its delegate will reassess the provider site at the end of the implementation period to ensure compliance.
• The suitable course of action for provider sites that remain non-compliant will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Options will include:
  o Continuing to collaborate with the provider to remediate outstanding issues.
  o The Agency, or its delegate, sending a final compliance order detailing how, and when, it expects the provider to come into compliance.
  o Terminating the provider from the program and transitioning recipients to compliant settings.

For sites that are presumed to be institutional, the State will implement a case-by-case heightened scrutiny process. This process will include convening with stakeholder and advocacy groups in order to determine if the site in question has qualities of an institution. If the site is determined to be of institutional quality, the State will provide written notice to the service provider that the site will be terminated from the program and recipients will be transitioned into a compliant setting. If the site is determined to be compliant with the HCB Settings Rule and not of institutional quality, the State will submit evidence and a recommendation to CMS.

Transitioning of HCBS Recipients
In the event remediation attempts have proved unsuccessful, it will be necessary to transition impacted individuals to a setting that meets the requirements of the rule.

The State will develop a comprehensive transition protocol to operationalize how it will transition individuals into compliant settings as necessary in a manner that minimizes the impact on the individual while optimizing their personal choice and care coordination. The protocol will include the following steps:
• The Agency, or its delegate will send impacted HCBS recipients a written notice explaining the need for transition, including alternate provider options and outlining options to helpful resources.
• Waiver support coordinators/case managers will work with impacted individuals, providers and the individuals support group to develop an individualized transition plan that is approved by the individual or their representative.
• Individuals will be monitored during transition and after completing transition to ensure their new service provider maintains compliance with the HCBS Settings Rule and that their services continue to meet waiver standards and requirements.
• Individuals who do not want to change providers and receive services in a compliant setting will be informed of the consequences and will be disenrolled from the applicable waiver.

V. Continued Compliance

The State will develop an annual monitoring program that focuses on individual recipient feedback, provider monitoring and overall program and regulatory monitoring. The State is developing monitoring tools that address each aspect to ensure ongoing compliance.

The State will implement a process to evaluate the individual’s person-centered plan and seek feedback from the recipient and the recipient’s family or representative. The focus of this annual review will be to guarantee the recipient has the opportunity to be active in the community, reside in a home-like living environment and make personal choices.

The HCB Characteristics Tool will be used to determine compliance for the provider sites. A representative sample of residential and non-residential settings will be reviewed by the State. The residential and non-residential review tools will be updated based on provider and reviewer feedback. Updating the tools will ensure accurate results and better determine the remediation actions necessary to ensure continued compliance.

The State will also monitor all changes to state laws, rules, regulations, standards, and policy each year. To ensure on-going compliance of the HCBS programs with the provisions of the HCB Settings Rule, the Agency has established following monitoring principles that will guide the development of its monitoring plan:
  • The Agency will assure continued compliance with the HCB Settings Rule prior to the submission of waiver or state plan amendments and renewals.
  • Waiver case managers and support coordinators will ensure recipients do not receive services in a setting that does not comply with the HCB Settings Rule.
  • The Agency will ensure on-going monitoring of residential and non-residential provider sites.
  • The Agency will continue to modify its monitoring activities based on its continuing assessment and public input to ensure full compliance with the HCB Settings Rule.

VI. Communication and Education

The Agency has implemented an outreach strategy for sharing information about the HCB Settings Rule with recipients, providers, interested parties and stakeholders. It is the Agency’s goal to promote transparency regarding implementation actions and procedures by disseminating direct, clear and timely communication of information relating to applicable programs, waiver services and the State’s HCB Settings Rule implementation activities.

All updates relating to the rule can be found on the Agency website at http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/hcbs_waivers/index.shtml. The website is a resource open to recipients, providers and other stakeholders and includes general information about the rule, the State’s HCBS programs and any updates to the waivers. This website will be updated when new information becomes available.

The Agency has also established an email inbox and encourages all interested parties to submit comments regarding its HCBS settings transition plan, waiver applications, waiver amendments and waiver renewals (FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com). Comments are logged and taken into consideration when finalizing these documents and prior to submission to CMS.

A. Recipient Outreach

The Agency will employ a direct approach to communicating information with recipients through their support coordinator or case manager accordingly. The Agency believes this personal approach will help to engage recipients in the implementation process and facilitate a greater understanding of its actions.

B. Provider Outreach

The primary method of communication to providers is through provider alerts. These alerts are distributed to all waiver and state plan providers and contain relevant information regarding updates to the HCBS programs. A phone number and email address are provided in the alerts so that providers may contact the Agency if they have any questions or concerns.
C. Stakeholder Outreach
The Agency prioritizes effective communication to its many stakeholder groups. The primary method of communication is the Agency’s provider alert system in which many stakeholder participate. Additionally, the Agency publically notices its public comment periods and public meetings in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR).

In order to ensure proper and collaborative implementation of the rule, the Agency has established an interagency workgroup that consists of staff members from each of its impacted sister agencies. These meetings occur once weekly and have participants from each agency. The workgroup includes subject matter experts and other stakeholders.

D. Education and Training
The Agency strives to ensure all of its stakeholders are well informed about the HCB Settings Rule and its implementation activities. The Agency developed an introductory training plan to introduce the rule and its requirements. These trainings were held during the summer of 2014 and consisted of a webinar presentation and a Q&A session. A copy of the “HCBS Rule Overview and Transition Planning 2014” presentation can be located on the Agency’s HCBS website.

The Agency is developing a comprehensive, progressive, training and education program designed to reach all stakeholders that address its implementation activities.

VII. Public Notice Process
The Agency is required to have a 30-day public comment period to allow for meaningful public comment prior to submission of this transition plan. The Agency provided two statements of public notice on the transition plan. The Agency summarized all comments received during that public comment period and described how the issues were addressed in the draft transition plan prior to submission to CMS.

Statements of Public Notice
• The Agency published a notice of the comment period and a link to the waiver specific transition plan on Florida’s Administrative Register and the Agency website. The statements of public notices provided information on the public comment period for the transition plan, a link to the plan, and the locations and addresses where public comments may be submitted.
• The Agency distributed notice providers through the distribution of a provider alert.
• In addition, the Agency sent notice to the LTC plans who distributed the public notice to share with their enrollees.

VIII. State Assurance Statement
The state assures that the settings transition plan included with this waiver renewal will be subject to any provisions or requirements included in the State's approved Statewide Transition Plan. The State will implement any required changes upon approval of the Statewide Transition Plan and will make conforming changes to its waiver when it submits the next amendment or renewal.

Additional Needed Information (Optional)
Provide additional needed information for the waiver (optional):
Comments received on the draft waiver renewal will be placed here.

Appendix A: Waiver Administration and Operation

1. State Line of Authority for Waiver Operation. Specify the state line of authority for the operation of the waiver (select one):
   - The waiver is operated by the State Medicaid agency.
      Specify the Medicaid agency division/unit that has line authority for the operation of the waiver program (select one):
      - The Medical Assistance Unit.
Specify the unit name:

**Division of Medicaid**

(Do not complete item A-2)

- Another division/unit within the State Medicaid agency that is separate from the Medical Assistance Unit.

Specify the division/unit name. This includes administrations/divisions under the umbrella agency that has been identified as the Single State Medicaid Agency.

(Complete item A-2-a).

- The waiver is operated by a separate agency of the State that is not a division/unit of the Medicaid agency.

Specify the division/unit name:

In accordance with 42 CFR 431.10, the Medicaid agency exercises administrative discretion in the administration and supervision of the waiver and issues policies, rules and regulations related to the waiver. The interagency agreement or memorandum of understanding that sets forth the authority and arrangements for this policy is available through the Medicaid agency to CMS upon request. (Complete item A-2-b).

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2. Oversight of Performance.

   a. Medicaid Director Oversight of Performance When the Waiver is Operated by another Division/Unit within the State Medicaid Agency. When the waiver is operated by another division/administration within the umbrella agency designated as the Single State Medicaid Agency. Specify (a) the functions performed by that division/administration (i.e., the Developmental Disabilities Administration within the Single State Medicaid Agency), (b) the document utilized to outline the roles and responsibilities related to waiver operation, and (c) the methods that are employed by the designated State Medicaid Director (in some instances, the head of umbrella agency) in the oversight of these activities:

   As indicated in section 1 of this appendix, the waiver is not operated by another division/unit within the State Medicaid agency. Thus this section does not need to be completed.

   b. Medicaid Agency Oversight of Operating Agency Performance. When the waiver is not operated by the Medicaid agency, specify the functions that are expressly delegated through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other written document, and indicate the frequency of review and update for that document. Specify the methods that the Medicaid agency uses to ensure that the operating agency performs its assigned waiver operational and administrative functions in accordance with waiver requirements. Also specify the frequency of Medicaid agency assessment of operating agency performance:

   As indicated in section 1 of this appendix, the waiver is not operated by a separate agency of the State. Thus this section does not need to be completed.

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3. Use of Contracted Entities. Specify whether contracted entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (if applicable) (select one):

   - Yes. Contracted entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or operating agency (if applicable).

Specify the types of contracted entities and briefly describe the functions that they perform. Complete Items A-5 and A-6.
the Agency contracts with Long-term Care plans in each region to provide all waiver services through their provider networks.

Long-term Care plans will be responsible for delivering services congruent with the long-term care needs of enrollees, and supporting these services with an appropriate provider and customer service framework. Specific functions will include:

- Operate member services hotline
- Create and distribute enrollee and provider materials (handbooks, directory, forms, policies and procedures)
- Quality improvement
- Utilization review
- Community outreach
- Provider services including credentialing, enrollment/contracting, and reimbursement
- Provider training materials
- Monitoring and compliance information
- Case management
- Care planning
- Enrollee complaint hotline
- Provider and enrollee dispute resolution

☐ No. Contracted entities do not perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (if applicable).

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4. Role of Local/Regional Non-State Entities. Indicate whether local or regional non-state entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions and, if so, specify the type of entity (Select One):

☐ Not applicable

☐ Applicable - Local/regional non-state agencies perform waiver operational and administrative functions.

Check each that applies:

☐ Local/Regional non-state public agencies perform waiver operational and administrative functions at the local or regional level. There is an interagency agreement or memorandum of understanding between the State and these agencies that sets forth responsibilities and performance requirements for these agencies that is available through the Medicaid agency.

Specify the nature of these agencies and complete items A-5 and A-6:

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☐ Local/Regional non-governmental non-state entities conduct waiver operational and administrative functions at the local or regional level. There is a contract between the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (when authorized by the Medicaid agency) and each local/regional non-state entity that sets forth the responsibilities and performance requirements of the local/regional entity. The contract(s) under which private entities conduct waiver operational functions are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Specify the nature of these entities and complete items A-5 and A-6:

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5. Responsibility for Assessment of Performance of Contracted and/or Local/Regional Non-State Entities. Specify the state agency or agencies responsible for assessing the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities in conducting waiver operational and administrative functions:

The Agency, with the assistance of the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) monitors and assesses the performance of long-term care plans.
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6. Assessment Methods and Frequency. Describe the methods that are used to assess the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities to ensure that they perform assigned waiver operational and administrative functions in accordance with waiver requirements. Also specify how frequently the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities is assessed:

The contract with Long-term Care plans requires plans to submit monthly, quarterly and annual reports on various aspects of program operations through which the State exerts control over program operations and assesses the performance of long-term care plans. The following (LTC) reports will be required:

• Administrative Subcontractors and Affiliates Report
• Case Management File Audit Report
• Case Management Monitoring and Evaluation Report
• Community Outreach Health Fairs/Public Events Notification
• Community Outreach Representative Report
• Critical Incident Report
• Critical Incident Summary Report
• Cultural Competency Plan (and Annual Evaluation)
• Enrollee Complaints, Grievances and Appeals Report
• Enrollee Roster and Facility Residence Report
• Missed Services Report
• Annual Fraud and Abuse Activity Report
• Quarterly Fraud and Abuse Activity Report
• Suspected/Confirmed Fraud and Abuse Reporting
• Participant Direction Option Report (PDO)
• Performance Measures Report LTC
• Provider Complaint Report
• Provider Network File
• Provider Termination and New Provider Notification Report
• Other Reports – This represents a placeholder for any other information that the state determines at a later date may be necessary

The second method to assess compliance with contract requirements is the desk reviews. This monitoring process assesses each contract requirement. At the conclusion of the desk reviews, any deficiencies are noted and plans are required to correct them within specified time frames. Deficiencies involving plan member life and safety issues must be corrected immediately.

The third method used to assess plan performance is the annual evaluation of performance improvement plans (PIPs). By contract, plans are required to submit two PIPs for evaluation by AHCA's External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). The EQRO assesses each plan's progress on completing the PIP in accordance with CMS PIP evaluation standards. The PIP evaluation process assesses the plan's performance in developing and performing PIPs and improving program services and enrollee outcomes.

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7. Distribution of Waiver Operational and Administrative Functions. In the following table, specify the entity or entities that have responsibility for conducting each of the waiver operational and administrative functions listed (check each that applies):

In accordance with 42 CFR 431.10, when the Medicaid agency does not directly conduct a function, it supervises the performance of the function and establishes and/or approves policies that affect the function. All functions not performed directly by the Medicaid agency must be delegated in writing and monitored by the Medicaid Agency.

Note: More than one box may be checked per item. Ensure that Medicaid is checked when the Single State Medicaid Agency (1) conducts the function directly; (2) supervises the delegated function; and/or (3) establishes and/or approves policies related to the function.

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Quality Improvement: Administrative Authority of the Single State Medicaid Agency

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Administrative Authority

The Medicaid Agency retains ultimate administrative authority and responsibility for the operation of the waiver program by exercising oversight of the performance of waiver functions by other state and local/regional non-state agencies (if appropriate) and contracted entities.

i. Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Performance measures for administrative authority should not duplicate measures found in other appendices of the waiver application. As necessary and applicable, performance measures should focus on:

- Uniformity of development/execution of provider agreements throughout all geographic areas covered by the waiver
- Equitable distribution of waiver openings in all geographic areas covered by the waiver
- Compliance with HCB settings requirements and other new regulatory components (for waiver actions submitted on or after March 17, 2014)

Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Percentage of LTC program level of care determinations process by DOEA CARES by the effective date of enrollment. N: Number of LTC level of care determinations by DOEA CARES by the effective date of enrollment. D: Number of LTC level of care determinations processed by DOEA CARES.

Data Source (Select one):
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**Performance Measure:**

Percentage of waiver expenditures less than or equal to approved legislative appropriations. N: Amount of waiver expenditures per quarter. D: Amount of waiver expenditures divided into four equal amounts.
**Data Source** (Select one):
*Record reviews, on-site*
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**Performance Measure:**
Percentage of case record reviews reviewing required forms conducted by DOEA in accordance with the approved sampling methodology. N: Number of case record reviews reviewing required forms conducted by DOEA in accordance with the approved sampling methodology. D: Number of case records in sample.

**Data Source (Select one):**
- Record reviews, on-site

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Percentage of LTC plans Performance Improvement Plans evaluated annually by the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). N: Number of LTC plans Performance Improvement Plans evaluated annually by EQRO. D: Total number of LTC plans Performance Improvement Plans required to be evaluated by the EQRO by program contract.

Data Source (Select one):
Other
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**Performance Measure:**
Percentage of LTC direct calls (non-abandoned) processed by enrollment broker monthly. N: Number of direct LTC (non-abandoned) calls processed by enrollment broker processed quarterly. D: Number of LTC direct calls (non-abandoned) by enrollment broker quarterly.

Data Source (Select one):
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If ‘Other’ is selected, specify:
Enrollment broker reports detail how call center operations concerning calls processed by this vendor.

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**ii.** If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

The Agency contracts with an External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) to validate program performance improvement projects (PIPs) and performance measures.

The Agency contracts with an enrollment broker to handle managed care program enrollments.

**b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems**

**i.** Describe the State's method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

The State monitors timely level of care processing through review of reports generated by the DOEA and annual program monitoring. If a level of care has not been processed timely, The Agency reviews the situation with the DOEA and resolves the barrier to completing the level of care or develops a corrective action plan to address the deficiency within established time frames. The Agency verifies the implementation of the corrective action plan. Program applicants ultimately determined to be ineligible for Medicaid are referred to general revenue funded programs or other Medicaid waivers for services.

The Agency reviews the waiver's expenditures monthly basis to determine compliance with the approved appropriation. When expenditures exceed the approved limit, the Agency will review the program's enrollment process to determine the source of the excess enrollment and expenditures. The Agency will take the necessary steps to end the excessive spending and serve the enrolled plan members in a safe and healthy manner.

The LTC's contract requires them to submit performance improvement projects (PIPs) for evaluation by the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). If a deficiency is determined, the plan is required to submit a corrective action to address the deficiency. If the EQRO fails to evaluate a submitted PIP, the EQRO is subject to sanctions ranging from delayed payment to reduced payment for PIP reviews.

The Agency contracts with an enrollment broker vendor to manage enrollment activities for the state's managed care programs. The current contract requires the enrollment broker to maintain records on the number and disposition of calls received. Abandoned calls cannot exceed 10% on a monthly basis. The broker's system tracks abandoned calls and generates monthly reports. The Agency reviews the reports and sanctions the broker if abandoned calls exceed 10% of direct calls.

The Agency's contract with the enrollment broker details the monthly, allowable, abandonment rate...
percentage during normal business hours. If the abandonment rate exceeds the contract standard of 10%, the vendor may be placed on a corrective action for failure to comply with the contract, which may result in sanctions if the corrective action does not resolve the failure to meet the standard.

The Agency program requires DOEA to conduct desk reviews and submit reports to the Agency. These reports form the evidence based validation of the Agency's waiver assurances to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). If reports due from DOEA were not provided as required, the Agency would require corrective action to address the issue. The Agency would verify the implementation of the corrective action.

**ii. Remediation Data Aggregation**

**Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)**

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**c. Timelines**

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Administrative Authority that are currently non-operational.

- ☐ No
- ☑ Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Administrative Authority, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

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**Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility**

**B-1: Specification of the Waiver Target Group(s)**

**a. Target Group(s).** Under the waiver of Section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act, the State limits waiver services to one or more groups or subgroups of individuals. Please see the instruction manual for specifics regarding age limits. In accordance with 42 CFR 441.301(b)(6), select one or more waiver target groups, check each of the subgroups in the selected target group(s) that may receive services under the waiver, and specify the minimum and maximum (if any) age of individuals served in each subgroup:

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**b. Additional Criteria.** The State further specifies its target group(s) as follows:

The MEDS-AD population is excluded from this waiver. Pursuant to the special terms and conditions of the MEDS-AD waiver, individuals eligible for Medicaid under the 1115 MEDS-AD waiver will not be eligible for enrollment into any other waiver program.

**c. Transition of Individuals Affected by Maximum Age Limitation.** When there is a maximum age limit that applies to individuals who may be served in the waiver, describe the transition planning procedures that are undertaken on behalf of participants affected by the age limit (select one):

- **Not applicable. There is no maximum age limit**
- **The following transition planning procedures are employed for participants who will reach the waiver's maximum age limit.**

*Specify:*

There is no "transition" procedure for the disabled group aged 18 to 64. The age criteria for this population refers to the designation of disabled according to Social Security criteria. This group will continue to participate in the waiver.

Recipients may continue to participate in the waiver as there is no maximum age limit.

### Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

#### B-2: Individual Cost Limit (1 of 2)

**a. Individual Cost Limit.** The following individual cost limit applies when determining whether to deny home and community-based services or entrance to the waiver to an otherwise eligible individual (select one). Please note that a State may have only ONE individual cost limit for the purposes of determining eligibility for the waiver:

- **No Cost Limit.** The State does not apply an individual cost limit. *Do not complete Item B-2-b or item B-2-c.*
- **Cost Limit in Excess of Institutional Costs.** The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver up to an amount specified by the State. *Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.*
The limit specified by the State is (select one)

- A level higher than 100% of the institutional average.
  Specify the percentage:

- Other
  Specify:

- Institutional Cost Limit. Pursuant to 42 CFR 441.301(a)(3), the State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed 100% of the cost of the level of care specified for the waiver. Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.

- Cost Limit Lower Than Institutional Costs. The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise qualified individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the following amount specified by the State that is less than the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver.

  Specify the basis of the limit, including evidence that the limit is sufficient to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants. Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.

The cost limit specified by the State is (select one):

- The following dollar amount:
  Specify dollar amount:

  The dollar amount (select one)
  
  - Is adjusted each year that the waiver is in effect by applying the following formula:
    Specify the formula:

  - May be adjusted during the period the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS to adjust the dollar amount.

- The following percentage that is less than 100% of the institutional average:
  Specify percent:

- Other:
  Specify:

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility
B-2: Individual Cost Limit (2 of 2)

Answers provided in Appendix B-2-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

b. Method of Implementation of the Individual Cost Limit. When an individual cost limit is specified in Item B-2-a, specify the procedures that are followed to determine in advance of waiver entrance that the individual's health and welfare can be assured within the cost limit:

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c. Participant Safeguards. When the State specifies an individual cost limit in Item B-2-a and there is a change in the participant's condition or circumstances post-entrance to the waiver that requires the provision of services in an amount that exceeds the cost limit in order to assure the participant's health and welfare, the State has established the following safeguards to avoid an adverse impact on the participant (check each that applies):

☐ The participant is referred to another waiver that can accommodate the individual's needs.

☐ Additional services in excess of the individual cost limit may be authorized.

Specify the procedures for authorizing additional services, including the amount that may be authorized:

[Blank]

☐ Other safeguard(s)

Specify:

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Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-3: Number of Individuals Served (1 of 4)

a. Unduplicated Number of Participants. The following table specifies the maximum number of unduplicated participants who are served in each year that the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS to modify the number of participants specified for any year(s), including when a modification is necessary due to legislative appropriation or another reason. The number of unduplicated participants specified in this table is basis for the cost-neutrality calculations in Appendix J:

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b. Limitation on the Number of Participants Served at Any Point in Time. Consistent with the unduplicated number of participants specified in Item B-3-a, the State may limit to a lesser number the number of participants who will be served at any point in time during a waiver year. Indicate whether the State limits the number of participants in this way: (select one):

☐ The State does not limit the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.
The State limits the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.

The limit that applies to each year of the waiver period is specified in the following table:

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Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-3: Number of Individuals Served (2 of 4)

c. **Reserved Waiver Capacity.** The State may reserve a portion of the participant capacity of the waiver for specified purposes (e.g., provide for the community transition of institutionalized persons or furnish waiver services to individuals experiencing a crisis) subject to CMS review and approval. The State (select one):

- Not applicable. The state does not reserve capacity.
- The State reserves capacity for the following purpose(s).

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-3: Number of Individuals Served (3 of 4)

d. **Scheduled Phase-In or Phase-Out.** Within a waiver year, the State may make the number of participants who are served subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule (select one):

- The waiver is not subject to a phase-in or a phase-out schedule.
- The waiver is subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule that is included in Attachment #1 to Appendix B-3. This schedule constitutes an intra-year limitation on the number of participants who are served in the waiver.

e. **Allocation of Waiver Capacity.**

*Select one:*

- Waiver capacity is allocated/managed on a statewide basis.
- Waiver capacity is allocated to local/regional non-state entities.

Specify: (a) the entities to which waiver capacity is allocated; (b) the methodology that is used to allocate capacity and how often the methodology is reevaluated; and, (c) policies for the reallocation of unused capacity among local/regional non-state entities:

f. **Selection of Entrants to the Waiver.** Specify the policies that apply to the selection of individuals for entrance to the waiver:
Entrants must meet the following qualifications:
1. Be age 18 or older and determined disabled according to Social Security standards or be age 65 or older;
2. Meet nursing facility level of care criteria;
3. Be Medicaid eligible;
4. Not be enrolled in another HCBS waiver.

Recipients will make an informed choice of receiving home and community-based services in lieu of nursing facility care.

The State’s requested number of waiver slots is based on current enrollment in the Long-term Care waiver.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-3: Number of Individuals Served - Attachment #1 (4 of 4)

Answers provided in Appendix B-3-d indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-4: Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver

a. 

1. **State Classification.** The State is a (select one):
   - [ ] §1634 State
   - [ ] SSI Criteria State
   - [ ] 209(b) State

2. **Miller Trust State.**
   Indicate whether the State is a Miller Trust State (select one):
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

b. **Medicaid Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver.** Individuals who receive services under this waiver are eligible under the following eligibility groups contained in the State plan. The State applies all applicable federal financial participation limits under the plan. Check all that apply:

   **Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver (excluding the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR 435.217)**

   - [ ] Low income families with children as provided in §1931 of the Act
   - [x] SSI recipients
   - [ ] Aged, blind or disabled in 209(b) states who are eligible under 42 CFR §435.121
   - [ ] Optional State supplement recipients
   - [ ] Optional categorically needy aged and/or disabled individuals who have income at:

     **Select one:**

     - [ ] 100% of the Federal poverty level (FPL)
     - [ ] % of FPL, which is lower than 100% of FPL.

     Specify percentage: [ ]

   - [ ] Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (BBA working disabled group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Act)
   - [ ] Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIIA Basic Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act)
   - [ ] Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIIA Medical Improvement Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI) of the Act)
Disabled individuals age 18 or younger who would require an institutional level of care (TEFRA 134 eligibility group as provided in §1902(e)(3) of the Act)

Medically needy in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)

Medically needy in 1634 States and SSI Criteria States (42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)

Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)

Specify:

Special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217) Note: When the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217 is included, Appendix B-5 must be completed

☐ No. The State does not furnish waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217. Appendix B-5 is not submitted.

☒ Yes. The State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217.

Select one and complete Appendix B-5.

☐ All individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217

☒ Only the following groups of individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217

Check each that applies:

☑ A special income level equal to:

Select one:

☐ 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)

☐ A percentage of FBR, which is lower than 300% (42 CFR §435.236)

Specify percentage: [ ]

☐ A dollar amount which is lower than 300%.

Specify dollar amount: [ ]

☐ Aged, blind and disabled individuals who meet requirements that are more restrictive than the SSI program (42 CFR §435.121)

☐ Medically needy without spenddown in States which also provide Medicaid to recipients of SSI (42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)

☐ Medically needy without spend down in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)

☐ Aged and disabled individuals who have income at:

Select one:

☐ 100% of FPL

☐ % of FPL, which is lower than 100%.

Specify percentage amount: [ ]

☐ Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)
Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (1 of 7)

In accordance with 42 CFR 441.303(e), Appendix B-5 must be completed when the State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR 435.217, as indicated in Appendix B-4. Post-eligibility applies only to the 42 CFR 435.217 group.

a. Use of Spousal Impoverishment Rules. Indicate whether spousal impoverishment rules are used to determine eligibility for the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR 435.217:

Note: For the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014, the following instructions are mandatory. The following box should be checked for all waivers that furnish waiver services to the 42 CFR §435.217 group effective at any point during this time period.

- Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are used to determine the eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. In the case of a participant with a community spouse, the State uses spousal post-eligibility rules under §1924 of the Act. Complete Items B-5-e (if the selection for B-4-a-i is SSI State or §1634) or B-5-f (if the selection for B-4-a-i is 209b State) and Item B-5-g unless the state indicates that it also uses spousal post-eligibility rules for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018 (select one).

- Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are used to determine the eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group.

  In the case of a participant with a community spouse, the State elects to (select one):

  - Use spousal post-eligibility rules under §1924 of the Act.
    (Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State) and Item B-5-d)
  - Use regular post-eligibility rules under 42 CFR §435.726 (SSI State) or under §435.735 (209b State)
    (Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State). Do not complete Item B-5-d)
  - Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are not used to determine eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. The State uses regular post-eligibility rules for individuals with a community spouse.
    (Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State). Do not complete Item B-5-d)

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (2 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

b. Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: SSI State.

The State uses the post-eligibility rules at 42 CFR 435.726 for individuals who do not have a spouse or have a spouse who is not a community spouse as specified in 1924 of the Act. Payment for home and community-based waiver services is reduced by the amount remaining after deducting the following allowances and expenses from the waiver participant's income:

i. Allowance for the needs of the waiver participant (select one):

  - The following standard included under the State plan

    Select one:
SSI standard
Optional State supplement standard
Medically needy income standard
The special income level for institutionalized persons

(select one):

○ 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)
○ A percentage of the FBR, which is less than 300%
  Specify the percentage: 
○ A dollar amount which is less than 300%.
  Specify dollar amount: 
○ A percentage of the Federal poverty level
  Specify percentage: 
○ Other standard included under the State Plan
  Specify: 

○ The following dollar amount
  Specify dollar amount: If this amount changes, this item will be revised.

○ The following formula is used to determine the needs allowance:
  Specify:

Recipients in Assisted Living Facilities (ALF)
The recipient’s personal needs allowance is calculated according to the following formula: Three meals per day and the semi-private room rate (ALF Basic Room and Board Rate) + 20% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Recipients in the community settings other than ALF’s
The recipient’s the personal needs allowance will equal the recipient’s income up to the 300% SSI amount.

How is excess income treated?
Excess income is defined as the recipient’s income after deductions for personal needs allowance, spousal impoverishment allowance, and reasonable costs of incurred medical and remedial care as detailed in 42 CFR. For community waiver residents not residing in an the ALF setting, all income up to the 300% income limit is protected. For waiver recipients living in ALF’s the income protected varies due to the facility specific ALF Basic Room and Board Rate included in the personal needs calculation.

As a Miller Income Trust state, Florida requires waiver applicants to place income over the 300% SSI income level into an approved income trust. Any income placed in the required income trust will be included in the excess income or patient responsibility calculation. Patient responsibility is collected by the LTC plan and applied against home and community-based service costs only. Plans are required to report patient responsibility collections to the state.

The State’s process for ensuring recipient responsibility is applied only to home and community-based services. LTC plans are responsible for collecting patient responsibility payments as determined by the
State’s eligibility agency (Department of Children and Families. DCF notifies the recipient, and the plan of any patient responsibility requirements.

The State established plan capitation rates based on its expected cost of waiver services which excludes patient responsibility payments. Capitation rates therefore reflect the plan’s responsibility to organize, and reimburse for waiver services net of patient responsibility. By excluding patient responsibility from the capitation rates, the State ensures plans do not receive duplicate payments from the state and enrollees overall. The state will review the plan’s patient responsibility collections annually to ensure enrollee individual responsibility payments are equal to, or less than, the total cost of the home and community based services the enrollee received. If an enrollee’s patient responsibility payment is found to be greater than the sum of services received, the state will make payment adjustments on an case-by-case basis to ensure the plan is not overcompensated.

- Other

Specify:

ii. Allowance for the spouse only (select one):

- Not Applicable
- The state provides an allowance for a spouse who does not meet the definition of a community spouse in §1924 of the Act. Describe the circumstances under which this allowance is provided:

Specify:

Specify the amount of the allowance (select one):

- SSI standard
- Optional State supplement standard
- Medically needy income standard
- The following dollar amount:

Specify dollar amount: [ ] If this amount changes, this item will be revised.

- The amount is determined using the following formula:

Specify:

iii. Allowance for the family (select one):

- Not Applicable (see instructions)
- AFDC need standard
- Medically needy income standard
- The following dollar amount:

Specify dollar amount: [ ] The amount specified cannot exceed the higher of the need standard for a family of the same size used to determine eligibility under the State's approved AFDC plan or the medically needy income standard established under 42 CFR 435.811 for a family of the same size. If this amount changes, this item will be revised.

- The amount is determined using the following formula:
iv. Amounts for incurred medical or remedial care expenses not subject to payment by a third party, specified in 42 CFR 435.726:

   a. Health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-insurance charges
   b. Necessary medical or remedial care expenses recognized under State law but not covered under the State's Medicaid plan, subject to reasonable limits that the State may establish on the amounts of these expenses.

Select one:

   ○ Not Applicable (see instructions) Note: If the State protects the maximum amount for the waiver participant, not applicable must be selected.
   ○ The State does not establish reasonable limits.
   ○ The State establishes the following reasonable limits

Specify:

The State allows a deduction for the actual amount of health insurance premiums, deductibles, coinsurance charges and medical expenses, not subject to payment by a third party, incurred by a Medicaid recipient for programs involving post-eligibility calculation of a patient responsibility, as authorized by the Medicaid State plan. The actual amount paid will be used as a deduction subject to the following limit: the highest of a payment/fee recognized by Medicare, commercial payers or any other party payer for the same or similar item. Other enrollee health insurance policies will be treated as first payer and the enrollee will have to demonstrate that other insurance has not or will not cover the claims.

The medical/remedial care service or item must meet all the following criteria:
   a. Be recognized under State law;
   b. Be medically necessary;
   c. Not be a Medicaid compensable expense; and
   d. Not be covered by the facility or provider per diem.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (3 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

   c. Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: 209(B) State.

Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (4 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

   d. Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income Using Spousal Impoverishment Rules
The State uses the post-eligibility rules of §1924(d) of the Act (spousal impoverishment protection) to determine the contribution of a participant with a community spouse toward the cost of home and community-based care if it determines the individual's eligibility under §1924 of the Act. There is deducted from the participant's monthly income a personal needs allowance (as specified below), a community spouse's allowance and a family allowance as specified in the State Medicaid Plan. The State must also protect amounts for incurred expenses for medical or remedial care (as specified below).

i. Allowance for the personal needs of the waiver participant

(select one):

- SSI standard
- Optional State supplement standard
- Medically needy income standard
- The special income level for institutionalized persons
- A percentage of the Federal poverty level

Specify percentage: __________

- The following dollar amount:

Specify dollar amount: __________ If this amount changes, this item will be revised

- The following formula is used to determine the needs allowance:

Specify formula: __________________

- Other

Specify:

Personal needs allowance is defined as:

For enrollees living in an assisted living facility, the personal needs allowance is calculated according to the following formula: Three meals per day and the semi-private room rate (ALF Basic Room and Board Rate) + 20% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

For community waiver participants not residing in the assisted living setting, the personal needs allowance will equal the participant's income up to the 300% SSI amount. In addition, excess income is defined as the recipient's income after deductions for personal needs allowance, spousal impoverishment allowance, and reasonable costs of incurred medical and remedial care as detailed in 42 CFR. For community waiver residents all income up to the 300% SSI income limit is protected.

As a Miller Income Trust state, Florida requires waiver applicants to place income over the 300% SSI income level into an approved income trust. Any income placed in the required income trust will be included in the excess income or patient responsibility calculation. Patient responsibility is collected by the LTC plan and applied against home and community-based service costs only. Plans are required to report patient responsibility collections to the state. The collections are reviewed during the annual plan reconciliation to verify the application of the patient responsibility funds to reduce home and community based services only.

ii. If the allowance for the personal needs of a waiver participant with a community spouse is different from the amount used for the individual's maintenance allowance under 42 CFR 435.726 or 42 CFR 435.735, explain why this amount is reasonable to meet the individual's maintenance needs in the community.

Select one:
Allowance is the same
Allowance is different.

Explanation of difference:

iii. Amounts for incurred medical or remedial care expenses not subject to payment by a third party, specified in 42 CFR 435.726:

a. Health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-insurance charges
b. Necessary medical or remedial care expenses recognized under State law but not covered under the State's Medicaid plan, subject to reasonable limits that the State may establish on the amounts of these expenses.

Select one:

- Not Applicable (see instructions) Note: If the State protects the maximum amount for the waiver participant, not applicable must be selected.
- The State does not establish reasonable limits.
- The State uses the same reasonable limits as are used for regular (non-spousal) post-eligibility.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (5 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.


Answers provided in Appendix B-5-a indicate the selections in B-5-b also apply to B-5-e.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (6 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.


Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (7 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.


The State uses the post-eligibility rules of §1924(d) of the Act (spousal impoverishment protection) to determine the contribution of a participant with a community spouse toward the cost of home and community-based care. There is deducted from the participant's monthly income a personal needs allowance (as specified below), a community spouse's allowance and a family allowance as specified in the State Medicaid Plan. The State must also protect amounts for incurred expenses for medical or remedial care (as specified below).

Answers provided in Appendix B-5-a indicate the selections in B-5-d also apply to B-5-g.
Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-6: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care

As specified in 42 CFR 441.302(c), the State provides for an evaluation (and periodic reevaluations) of the need for the level(s) of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual may need such services in the near future (one month or less), but for the availability of home and community-based waiver services.

a. Reasonable Indication of Need for Services. In order for an individual to be determined to need waiver services, an individual must require: (a) the provision of at least one waiver service, as documented in the service plan, and (b) the provision of waiver services at least monthly or, if the need for services is less than monthly, the participant requires regular monthly monitoring which must be documented in the service plan. Specify the State's policies concerning the reasonable indication of the need for services:

i. Minimum number of services.

The minimum number of waiver services (one or more) that an individual must require in order to be determined to need waiver services is: 1

ii. Frequency of services. The State requires (select one):

- The provision of waiver services at least monthly
- Monthly monitoring of the individual when services are furnished on a less than monthly basis

If the State also requires a minimum frequency for the provision of waiver services other than monthly (e.g., quarterly), specify the frequency:

b. Responsibility for Performing Evaluations and Reevaluations. Level of care evaluations and reevaluations are performed (select one):

- Directly by the Medicaid agency
- By the operating agency specified in Appendix A
- By an entity under contract with the Medicaid agency.

Specify the entity:

- Other
  Specify:

Depart of Elder Affairs

c. Qualifications of Individuals Performing Initial Evaluation: Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), specify the educational/professional qualifications of individuals who perform the initial evaluation of level of care for waiver applicants:

The Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-Term Care Services (CARES) Unit under the jurisdiction of the Department of Elder Affairs is designated by state statute to perform level of care evaluations for all Medicaid nursing facility admissions and conversions (Sections 409.912 (15) and 409.985 , Florida Statutes; and 59G-4.290 and 59G-4.180, Florida Administrative Code). The CARES Unit is composed of a physician (M.D. or D.O.), a registered nurse (licensed in Florida), and other assessors with nursing or advanced social work degrees. The unit's assessors complete the level of care evaluations based on a physician referral and an assessment form completed by the case manager. The Level of Care Notification form (DOEA-CARES Form 603) is signed by a physician (M.D. or D.O.).

d. Level of Care Criteria. Fully specify the level of care criteria that are used to evaluate and reevaluate whether an individual needs services through the waiver and that serve as the basis of the State's level of care instrument/tool. Specify the level of care instrument/tool that is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies concerning level of
care criteria and the level of care instrument/tool are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable), including the instrument/tool utilized.

The level of care criteria used to evaluate and reevaluate whether an individual needs waiver services is listed below and can be referenced at 59G-4.180, F.A.C.

To qualify for placement in a nursing facility, the applicant or recipient must require intermediate care services including 24-hour observation and care and the constant availability of medical and nursing treatment and care, but not to the degree of care and services provided in a hospital or that meets the criteria of skilled services. Individuals requiring intermediate care services must meet the following criteria in order for services to qualify as Intermediate Level I or Intermediate Level II.

To be classified as requiring intermediate care services, the nursing or rehabilitation service must be:
1. Ordered by and remain under the supervision of a physician;
2. Medically necessary and provided to an applicant or recipient whose health status and medical needs are of sufficient seriousness as to require nursing management, periodic assessment, planning or intervention by licensed nursing or other health professionals;
3. Required to be performed under the supervision of licensed nursing or other health professionals;
4. Necessary to achieve the medically desired results and to ensure the comfort and safety of the applicant or recipient;
5. Required on a daily or intermittent basis;
6. Reasonable and necessary to the treatment of a specific documented medical disorder, disease, or impairment; and
7. Consistent with the nature and severity of the individual's condition or the disease state or stage.

LEVEL I - Intermediate Care Services Level I is extensive health related care and services required by an individual who is incapacitated mentally or physically.

LEVEL II - Intermediate Care Services Level II is limited health related care and services required by an individual who is mildly incapacitated or ill to a degree to require medical supervision. Individuals requiring this level of care shall:
1. Be ambulatory, with or without assistive devices;
2. Demonstrate independence in activities of daily living;
3. Not require the administration of psychotropic drugs on a daily or intermittent basis or exhibit periods of disruptive or disorganized behavior requiring 24-hour nursing supervision; and
4. Require the constant availability of medical and nursing treatment and care on a routine basis.

The level of care instruments are available to CMS upon request.

e. Level of Care Instrument(s). Per 42 CFR 441.303(c)(2), indicate whether the instrument/tool used to evaluate level of care for the waiver differs from the instrument/tool used to evaluate institutional level of care (select one):

- The same instrument is used in determining the level of care for the waiver and for institutional care under the State Plan.
- A different instrument is used to determine the level of care for the waiver than for institutional care under the State plan.

Describe how and why this instrument differs from the form used to evaluate institutional level of care and explain how the outcome of the determination is reliable, valid, and fully comparable.

f. Process for Level of Care Evaluation/Reevaluation: Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), describe the process for evaluating waiver applicants for their need for the level of care under the waiver. If the reevaluation process differs from the evaluation process, describe the differences:

The initial assessment and level of care determination for waiver applicants are conducted by DOEA CARES program staff based upon DOEA Comprehensive Assessment Form 701B. CARES program staff review the completed assessment forms and physician medical certification to determine level of care and prioritization for waiver services, and complete the Level of Care Notification form (DOEA-CARES Form 603) to document whether waiver applicants meet level of care requirements.
The reevaluation process is the same as for evaluations except LTC plan staff conduct the assessment interviews for current enrollees. The complete 701B assessment instrument is submitted to DOEA CARES staff for review and determination that the enrollee continues to meet the required level of care for the program.

LTC plan case management and nursing staff receive the same training as the CARES staff in completing assessment forms. LTC plan case managers and nursing staff receive this training from local Assessment Training Teams comprised of area agencies on aging and CARES staff and must receive a passing test score to be certified assessors.

g. **Reevaluation Schedule.** Per 42 CFR 441.303(c)(4), reevaluations of the level of care required by a participant are conducted no less frequently than annually according to the following schedule (select one):

- [ ] Every three months
- [ ] Every six months
- [x] Every twelve months
- [ ] Other schedule
  
  Specify the other schedule:

h. **Qualifications of Individuals Who Perform Reevaluations.** Specify the qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations (select one):

- [x] The qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations are the same as individuals who perform initial evaluations.
- [ ] The qualifications are different.
  
  Specify the qualifications:

i. **Procedures to Ensure Timely Reevaluations.** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(4), specify the procedures that the State employs to ensure timely reevaluations of level of care (specify):

DOEA's CARES Unit's computerized management system generates reports listing enrollees due for reevaluation in the subsequent month. The LTC plans use these reports to prompt case managers to request level of care revaluations. This system ensures that reevaluations take place in a timely manner. In addition to the CARES system, the LTC plans track the reevaluation due date as a component part of case management to ensure timely reevaluation.

j. **Maintenance of Evaluation/Reevaluation Records.** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(3), the State assures that written and/or electronically retrievable documentation of all evaluations and reevaluations are maintained for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR §92.42. Specify the location(s) where records of evaluations and reevaluations of level of care are maintained:

Written records of evaluations and reevaluations of level of care are maintained in each of the local CARES unit offices. LTC plan case managers also maintain written copies of evaluations and reevaluations in individual case records. In addition, electronically retrievable documentation of all evaluations and reevaluations are maintained in the CARES Unit's computerized management system.

**Appendix B: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care**

**Quality Improvement: Level of Care**

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State's methods for discovery and remediation.

a. **Methods for Discovery: Level of Care Assurance/Sub-assurances**

*The state demonstrates that it implements the processes and instrument(s) specified in its approved waiver for evaluating/reevaluating an applicant's/waiver participant's level of care consistent with level of care provided in a hospital, NF or ICF/IID.*
i. Sub-Assurances:

a. Sub-assurance: An evaluation for LOC is provided to all applicants for whom there is reasonable indication that services may be needed in the future.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Percentage of new applicants receiving a level of care evaluation prior to enrollment. N: Number of new applicants receiving a level of care prior to enrollment. D: Number of New applicants.

Data Source (Select one):
Other
If 'Other' is selected, specify:
DOEA maintains records of each level of care determination in its system.

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#### b. Sub-assurance: The levels of care of enrolled participants are reevaluated at least annually or as specified in the approved waiver.

### Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

#### Performance Measure:

**Percentage of enrollees receiving annual redeterminations performed within 365 days of previous level of care determination.**

- **N:** Number of enrollees with annual redeterminations within 365 days of previous level of care determination.
- **D:** Number of enrollees enrolled for at least one year.

#### Data Source (Select one):

**Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions**

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c. Sub-assurance: The processes and instruments described in the approved waiver are applied appropriately and according to the approved description to determine participant level of care.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.
Performance Measure:
Percentage of new enrollees having a current level of care based on the state approved assessment tool. N: Number of new enrollees having a level of care based on the state approved assessment tool. D: Number of new enrollees in the program.

Data Source (Select one):
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### Performance Measure:

Percentage of level of care determinations made by qualified evaluators. 

**N:** Number of level of care determinations made by qualified evaluators. 

**D:** Number of level of care determinations.

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**Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions**

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.
N/A.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems
   i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

   If an applicant does not receive a level of care evaluation prior to enrollment, the enrollment broker will not enroll the individual. Prospective enrollees ultimately determined to be ineligible will be referred by the CARE program to State-funded programs as necessary.

   If enrollees do not receive annual reevaluations within 365 days of the previous level of care determination, the DOEA CARES unit will notify the LTC plan of the omission and request the completion of the 701B assessment instrument for determination of level of care by the CARES unit. Enrollees ultimately determined to be ineligible will be referred to State-funded programs for services. Should the LTC plan not timely comply with the request, the LTC plan is subject to penalties under the contract.

   If applicants do not have a level of care based upon the state approved assessment tool, the LTC plan is required to correct the issue. If the LTC plan does not implement the corrective action within the approved time frame, the LTC plan is subject to sanctions ranging from new enrollment suspension to more frequent on-site reviews. Enrollees will continue to receive services while the level of care is determined. Applicants who are ultimately determined to be ineligible are referred to state funded programs for services.

   If a level of care determination is made by an unqualified evaluator, the DOEA CARES unit would be notified and requested to have a qualified evaluator review the determination within 10 days. If the level of care was determined correctly using the appropriate criteria, the qualified evaluator would issue a new level of care determination. The prospective enrollee would be notified immediately if the level of care determination was not issued by the qualified evaluator and given his/her Fair Hearing options to challenge the determination that level of care criteria were not satisfied. If the applicant is ultimately determined to be ineligible, he/she will be referred to state funded services.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

   Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

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c. **Timelines**

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Level of Care that are currently non-operational.

- **No**
- **Yes**

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Level of Care, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

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**Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility**

**B-7: Freedom of Choice**

**Freedom of Choice.** As provided in 42 CFR 441.302(d), when an individual is determined to be likely to require a level of care for this waiver, the individual or his or her legal representative is:

1. informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and
2. given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based services.

**a. Procedures.** Specify the State's procedures for informing eligible individuals (or their legal representatives) of the feasible alternatives available under the waiver and allowing these individuals to choose either institutional or waiver services. Identify the form(s) that are employed to document freedom of choice. The form or forms are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

As part of the LTC enrollment process, the program’s enrollment broker informs the prospective enrollee of his or her managed care provider options along with information on the various plans’ service provider choices and benefits. The enrollment broker offers telephonic or in-person counseling options to assist the enrollee in making their LTC plan choice. Once the enrollee makes their plan choice, the enrollment broker informs the plan of the new enrollee. Upon receipt of the new enrollee information, the LTC plan assigns a care manager and contacts the enrollee about an appointment for their assessment for use in care plan development. During the initial assessment appointment, the care manager obtains the enrollee’s Freedom of Choice form that memorializes the plan member’s choice of institutional or home and community-based services (HCBS) placement.

Each plan member has a case manager, and the case manager must discuss with the enrollee his/her individual needs and develop the initial plan of care. The case manager is responsible for authorizing, coordinating, and monitoring the provision of waiver services according to the enrollee’s written plan of care. The plan of care form includes a statement which confirms the plan of care has been discussed with and agreed to by the enrollee, and the enrollee understands he/she has the right to request a Fair Hearing if services are denied or reduced, or if the enrollee is denied a choice of qualified providers. The LTC plan must provide an enrollee with procedures to follow if they choose to appeal through the LTC plan's grievance and/or the Fair Hearing process.
b. **Maintenance of Forms.** Per 45 CFR §92.42, written copies or electronically retrievable facsimiles of Freedom of Choice forms are maintained for a minimum of three years. Specify the locations where copies of these forms are maintained.

LTC plans maintain plan members' Freedom of Choice forms in the member's case records for at least three years as required by the program contract.

**Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility**

**B-8: Access to Services by Limited English Proficiency Persons**

**Access to Services by Limited English Proficient Persons.** Specify the methods that the State uses to provide meaningful access to the waiver by Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (68 FR 47311 - August 8, 2003):

LTC plans are required to develop and make available appropriate foreign language versions of all materials available to enrollees. The LTC plan is required to provide interpreter services in person where practical, but otherwise by telephone, for enrollees whose primary language is a foreign language. Foreign language versions of materials are required if, as determined annually by AHCA, the population speaking a particular foreign (non-English) language in a county is greater than five percent. LTC plans are prohibited from marketing the program directly to enrollees face-to-face.

**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1: Summary of Services Covered (1 of 2)**

**a. Waiver Services Summary.** *List the services that are furnished under the waiver in the following table. If case management is not a service under the waiver, complete items C-1-b and C-1-c:*

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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
- Statutory Service

**Service:**
- Adult Day Health

**Alternate Service Title (if any):**
- Adult Day Health Care

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

**Category 1:**
- 04 Day Services

**Sub-Category 1:**
- 04050 adult day health

**Category 2:**

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**Category 3:**

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**Category 4:**

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*Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

**Service Definition (Scope):**

Services provided pursuant to Chapter 400, Part V, Florida Statutes. For example, services furnished in an outpatient setting, encompassing both the health and social services needed to ensure optimal functioning of an enrollee, including social services to help with personal and family problems, and planned group therapeutic
activities. Adult day health services include nutritional meals. Meals are included as a part of this service when the patient is at the center during meal times. Adult day health care provides medical screening emphasizing prevention and continuity of care including routine blood pressure checks and diabetic maintenance checks. Physical, occupational and speech therapies indicated in the enrollee's plan of care are furnished as components of this service. Nursing services, which include periodic evaluation, medical supervision and supervision of self-care services directed toward activities of daily living and personal hygiene, are also a component of this service. The inclusion of physical, occupational and speech therapy services and nursing services as components of adult day health services does not require the LTC plan to contract with the adult day health provider to deliver these services when they are included in an enrollee's plan of care. The LTC plan may contract with the adult day health provider for the delivery of these services or the LTC plan may contract with other providers qualified to deliver these services pursuant to the terms of the LTC managed care contract. All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The state will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [ ] Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- [ ] Legally Responsible Person
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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Adult Day Health Care

Provider Category:

- [ ] Agency

Provider Type:

- Assisted Living Facility

Provider Qualifications

- License (specify):
  - Chapter 429, Part I, Florida Statutes
  - Licensed assisted living facilities may provide adult day health care under Chapter 429.918, Florida Statutes

- Certificate (specify):
Other Standard (specify):
LTC plans may contract with assisted living facilities to provide these services if the facility has adequate staffing and space per Rule 58A-5.023(30)(a)(2), F.A.C. and Rule 58A-5.09, F.A.C.

Direct care staff in assisted living facilities must encourage LTC enrollees to participate in community activities in the facility and the community at large.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more often as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Adult Day Health Care

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Adult Day Care Center

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Chapter 429, Part III, Florida Statutes
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Direct care staff in adult day care centers must encourage LTC enrollees to participate in community activities in the facility and the community at large.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA
Frequency of Verification:
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Appendix C: Participant Services
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Service Type:
Statutory Service

Service:
Case Management

Alternate Service Title (if any):
HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:
01 Case Management

Sub-Category 1:
01010 case management

Category 2:

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- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
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Service Definition (Scope):
Services that assist enrollees in gaining access to needed waiver and other State Plan services, as well as other needed medical, social, and educational services, regardless of the funding source. Case management services contribute to the coordination and integration of care delivery through the ongoing monitoring of service provision as prescribed in each enrollee's plan of care.

For enrollees choosing participant direction, the case manager is responsible for assisting the enrollee, by arranging for training and through ongoing support, with the following duties: recruiting workers; ensuring that worker qualifications are verified and criminal background check completed; defining additional qualifications and duties within the scope of waiver definitions to meet the enrollee's specific needs; scheduling workers; training workers; supervising workers; evaluating worker performance; verifying time worked and timesheets; and, if necessary, dismissing workers and arranging for implementation of the Emergency Back-up Plan.

The State will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require
plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
The State will assure conflict free case management and participant protections by reviewing sampled care plans, participating in Fair Hearings, and performing reviews for plans with significant numbers of care plan related complaints. LTC plans must be in compliance with program contract standards for case management and care planning. Failure to meet these standards subjects the managed care plan to enrollment moratoriums and liquidated damages.

All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the State will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The State will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Case Management

Provider Category: Agency
Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
as defined under chapter 413.371, F. S.

Case Managers can be qualified in one of the following ways and must also have a minimum of two (2) years of relevant experience:
(a) Bachelor’s degree in social work, sociology, psychology, gerontology or a related social services field;
(b) Registered nurse, licensed to practice in the state;
(c) Bachelor’s degree in a field other than social science.

Case managers can also be qualified as a licensed practical nurse in Florida with four years of relevant experience.

Case Managers without the aforementioned educational qualifications may substitute professional human service experience on a year-for-year basis for the educational requirement. Case Managers without a bachelor’s degree must have a minimum of six (6) years of relevant experience.

Case managers possessing a Master’s degree in one of the aforementioned degree fields may substitute up to one (1) year of the two year experience requirement through a combination of experience through a practicum, internship, or clinical rotation.

All case managers must have at least four hours of in-service training annually in the identification and reporting of Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Statutory Service |
| Service Name: Case Management |

Provider Category:
- Individual

Provider Type:
Case managers employed or contracted by LTC plans

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Case Managers can be qualified in one of the following ways and must also have a minimum of two (2) years of relevant experience:

(a) Bachelor’s degree in social work, sociology, psychology, gerontology or a related social services field;
(b) Registered nurse, licensed to practice in the state;
(c) Bachelor’s degree in a field other than social science.

Case managers can also be qualified as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Florida with a minimum of four years for relevant experience.

Case Managers without the aforementioned educational qualifications may substitute professional human service experience on a year-for-year basis for the educational requirement. Case Managers without a bachelor’s degree must have a minimum of six (6) years of relevant experience.

Case managers possessing a Master’s degree in one of the aforementioned degree fields may substitute up to one (1) year of the two year experience requirement through a combination of experience through a practicum, internship, or clinical rotation.

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Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification: AHCA
Frequency of Verification: Annually or more frequently as needed

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Provider Category: Agency
Provider Type: Case Management Agency
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Certificate (specify):
Other Standard (specify):
The case management agency must be designated a Community Care for the Elderly Lead Agency by the DOEA in accordance with Chapter 430, Florida Statutes, or other agency meeting comparable standards as determined by the DOEA.
Case Managers must be qualified in one of the following ways and must also have a minimum of two (2) years of relevant experience:

(a) Bachelor’s degree in social work, sociology, psychology, gerontology or a related social services field;
(b) Registered nurse, licensed to practice in the state;
(c) Bachelor’s degree in a field other than social science.

Case Managers can also be qualified as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the state with a minimum of four (4) years of relevant experience.

Case Managers without the aforementioned educational qualifications may substitute professional human service experience on a year-for-year basis for the educational requirement. Case Managers without a bachelor’s degree must have a minimum of six (6) years of relevant experience.

Case managers possessing a Master’s degree in one of the aforementioned degree fields may substitute up to one (1) year of the two year experience requirement through a combination of experience through a practicum, internship, or clinical rotation.

All case managers must have at least four hours of in-service training annually in the identification and reporting of Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Annually or more frequently as needed.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Service Specification**

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
Statutory Service

**Service:**
Homemaker

**Alternate Service Title (if any):**

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

**Category 1:**
08 Home-Based Services
Sub-Category 1:

08050 homemaker

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):

General household activities (meal preparation and routine household care) provided by a qualified homemaker, when the individual regularly responsible for these activities is temporarily absent or unable to manage these activities. Service includes pest control. Socialization is not the primary function of this service.

All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. The State will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The State will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed
Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- [x] Legally Responsible Person
- [x] Relative
- [ ] Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Homemaker

Provider Category:
- [ ] Agency

Provider Type:
Health Care Service Pools

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Licensed per Chapter 400, Part IX, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Homemaker

Provider Category:
- [ ] Individual

Provider Type:
PDO-Homemaker
Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
N/A

Certificate (specify):
N/A

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Level II background screening and executed Participant direction Service Work Agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Statutory Service |
| Service Name: Homemaker |

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
As defined under Chapter 431.371, F. S.

Certificate (specify):
N/A.

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more often if necessary.
Homemaker/Companion Agency

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
N/A.

Certificate (specify):
N/A.

Other Standard (specify):
Registration in accordance with chapter 400.509, Florida Statutes.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more often as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Homemaker

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Providers

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
N/A.

Certificate (specify):
N/A.

Other Standard (specify):
As defined in Chapter 430, Florida Statutes

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently if necessary.
Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Nurse Registry

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
N/A.

Certificate (specify):
Chapter 400.506, Florida Statutes

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Homemaker

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Chapter 400, Part III, Florida statutes

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Optional to meet Federal Conditions of Participation under 42 CFR 484

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.
State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
- Statutory Service

**Service:**
- Respite

**Alternate Service Title (if any):**
- Respite

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

**Category 1:**
- 09 Caregiver Support

**Sub-Category 1:**
- 09011 respite, out-of-home

**Category 2:**
- 09 Caregiver Support

**Sub-Category 2:**
- 09011 respite, out-of-home

**Category 3:**

**Sub-Category 3:**

**Category 4:**

**Sub-Category 4:**

*Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:*

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

**Service Definition (Scope):**
Services provided to enrollees unable to care for themselves furnished on a short-term basis in the enrollee's home or a facility due to the absence of or need for relief of persons normally providing the care. Respite care does not substitute for the care usually provided by a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse or a therapist. Respite may be provided by direct service workers of the approved provider types listed in this application. All
direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):**

- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [x] Provider managed

**Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):**

- [x] Legally Responsible Person
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**C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service**

| Service Type: Statutory Service |
| Service Name: Respite          |

**Provider Category:**

- [x] Individual

**Provider Type:**

Center for Independent Living

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  As defined under chapter 413.371, F. S.
- **Certificate (specify):**
  N/A.
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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### Provider Category:
- Agency □

### Provider Type:
- Adult Day Care Center

### Provider Qualifications
- **License (specify):**
  - Chapter 429, Part III, Florida Statutes
- **Certificate (specify):**

### Other Standard (specify):
- All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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### Provider Category:
- Agency □

### Provider Type:
- Assisted Living Facility

### Provider Qualifications
- **License (specify):**
  - Chapter 429, Part I, Florida Statutes
- **Certificate (specify):**
  - N/A.
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  - All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

### Verification of Provider Qualifications
- **Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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- **Frequency of Verification:**
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Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Respite

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Nursing Facility

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Chapter 400, Part II, Florida Statutes
Certificate (specify):
N/A.
Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
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Frequency of Verification:
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Appendix C: Participant Services
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Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Respite

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Homemaker/Companion Agency

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Registration in accordance with Chapter 400.509, Florida Statutes.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
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Frequency of Verification:
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

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Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Providers

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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**  
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**Frequency of Verification:**  
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

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**Provider Type:**  
Home Health Agency

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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**  
AHCA

**Frequency of Verification:**  
Annually or more frequently as needed.
Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Respite

Provider Category:  
Agency ▼

Provider Type:  
Nurse Registry

Provider Qualifications  
License (specify):  

Certificate (specify):  

Other Standard (specify):  
Chapter 400.506, Florida Statutes

Verification of Provider Qualifications  
Entity Responsible for Verification:  
AHCA

Frequency of Verification:  
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:  
Extended State Plan Service ▼

Service Title:  
Intermittent and Skilled Nursing

HCBS Taxonomy:  

Category 1:  
05 Nursing ▼

Sub-Category 1:  
05020 skilled nursing ▼

Category 2:  
05 Nursing ▼

Sub-Category 2:  
05010 private duty nursing ▼

Category 3:  
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Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Services provided when skilled nursing services under the approved State plan are exhausted. The scope and nature of these services do not otherwise differ from skilled nursing services furnished under the State Plan. Services listed in the plan of care that are within the scope of the State's Nurse Practice Act and are provided by a registered professional nurse, or licensed practical or vocational nurse under the supervision of a registered nurse, licensed to practice in the State. Skilled nursing services must be listed in the enrollee's plan of care and are provided on an intermittent basis to enrollees who either do not require continuous nursing supervision or whose need is predictable. All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollees independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
There are no limits for medically necessary services for enrollees under age 21. Intermittent and Skilled Nursing Services can be authorized as necessary to manage the medically necessary care needs of the enrollee in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The state will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
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**Service Type:** Extended State Plan Service  
**Service Name:** Intermittent and Skilled Nursing

**Provider Category:**  
Agency  

**Provider Type:**  
Home Health Agency

**Provider Qualifications**  
**License (specify):**  
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III, Florida Statutes.  

**Certificate (specify):**  
N/A.

**Other Standard (specify):**  
There are no limits for medically necessary services for enrollees under age 21. Intermittent and Skilled Nursing Services can be authorized as necessary to manage the medically necessary care needs of the enrollee in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The state will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**  
**Entity Responsible for Verification:**  
AHCA.

**Frequency of Verification:**  
Annually or frequently as necessary.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

**Service Type:** Extended State Plan Service  
**Service Name:** Intermittent and Skilled Nursing

**Provider Category:**  
Individual

**Provider Type:**  
PDO - Intermittent and Skilled Nursing

**Provider Qualifications**  
**License (specify):**  
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III, Florida Statutes  

**Certificate (specify):**
N/A.

**Other Standard (specify):**

Intermittent and Skilled Nursing Services can be authorized as necessary to manage the medically necessary care needs of the enrollee in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The state will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Annually or more frequently as necessary.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Service Specification**

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
Extended State Plan Service

**Service Title:**
Medical Equipment and Supplies

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

**Category 1:**

11 Other Health and Therapeutic Services

**Sub-Category 1:**

11080 occupational therapy

**Category 2:**

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**Sub-Category 2:**

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**Category 3:**

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gory 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Services that are provided when medical equipment and supplies under the approved State Plan are exhausted. Medical equipment and supplies, specified in the plan of care, include: (a) devices, controls, or appliances that enable the enrollee to increase the ability to perform activities of daily living; (b) devices, controls, or appliances that enable the enrollee to perceive, control, or communicate with the environment in which he or she lives; (c) items necessary for life support or to address and enrollee's physical conditions along with ancillary supplies and equipment necessary to the proper functioning of such items; (d) such other durable and non-durable medical equipment not available under the State Plan that is necessary to address enrollee functional limitations; and (e) necessary medical supplies not available under the State plan, including consumable medical supplies such as adult disposable diapers.

Items reimbursed under the waiver are in addition to any medical equipment and supplies furnished under the State Plan and exclude those items that are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the enrollee. All items shall meet applicable standards of manufacture, design and installation. This service also includes repair of such items as well as replacement parts.

The case manager in consultation with a medical professional will authorize this service. All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Medical Equipment and Supplies services under the waiver are authorized based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to maintain the enrollee in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most LTC plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The state will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
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Specify whether the service may be provided by *(check each that applies)*:

- [ ] Legally Responsible Person
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service  
Service Name: Medical Equipment and Supplies

Provider Category:  
Agency  

Provider Type:  
Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications

License *(specify):*
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III, F. S.

Certificate *(specify):*

Other Standard *(specify):*

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service  
Service Name: Medical Equipment and Supplies

Provider Category:  
Agency  

Provider Type:  
Home Medical Equipment Company

Provider Qualifications

License *(specify):*
Chapter 400, Part VII, F. S.

Certificate *(specify):*
### Appendix C: Participant Services

#### C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

**Service Type:** Extended State Plan Service  
**Service Name:** Medical Equipment and Supplies

**Provider Category:**  
- Individual

**Provider Type:** Pharmacy

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**
Licensed under Chapter 465, Florida Statutes

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**  
AHCA or its designee.

**Frequency of Verification:**  
Annually or more frequently as needed.

### Appendix C: Participant Services

#### C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
- Extended State Plan Service

**Service Title:** Occupational Therapy
HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

Sub-Category 1:

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:
- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Occupational Therapy services through the waiver are provided when the limits of the State Plan service are exhausted. Occupational Therapy services under the waiver are authorized based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to maintain the plan member in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The state will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Occupational Therapy services through the waiver are provided when the limits of the State Plan service are exhausted. There are no limits on medically necessary services for enrollees under age 21. Occupational Therapy services under the waiver are authorized based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to maintain the plan member in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

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Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [x] Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- [ ] Legally Responsible Person
- [ ] Relative
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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Occupational Therapy

Provider Category:
- [ ] Agency

Provider Type:
- Nursing Facility

Provider Qualifications
- License (specify):
  Licensed under Chapter 400, Part II, Florida Statutes
- Certificate (specify):
  N/A.
- Other Standard (specify):
  All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does
not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in
the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as necessary.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Occupational Therapy |

Provider Category:
Individual

Provider Type:
Occupational Therapist Assistant

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 468, Part III, Florida Statutes

Certificate (specify):
N/A.

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is
not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida
Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does
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the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as necessary.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Occupational Therapy |

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
As defined under Chapter 413.371, Florida Statutes

Certificate (specify):
N/A.

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is
not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida
Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does
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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA.

**Frequency of Verification:**
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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service**

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Occupational Therapy |

**Provider Category:**
Individual

**Provider Type:**
Occupational Therapist

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**
Licensed under Chapter 468, Part III, Florida Statutes.

**Certificate (specify):**
N/A.

**Other Standard (specify):**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA.

**Frequency of Verification:**
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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service**

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Occupational Therapy |

**Provider Category:**
Agency

**Provider Type:**
Home Health Agency

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III, Florida Statutes

**Certificate (specify):**
N/A.

**Other Standard (specify):**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.
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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA.

**Frequency of Verification:**
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**Provider Category:**
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**Provider Type:**
Outpatient Hospital Unit

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**
Licensed under Chapter 395, Part I and 408, Part II, Florida statutes

**Certificate (specify):**
N/A.

**Other Standard (specify):**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA or its designee.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Annually or more frequently as necessary.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Service Specification**

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
Extended State Plan Service

**Service Title:**
Personal Care

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

**Category 1:**

08 Home-Based Services

**Sub-Category 1:**
Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

**Service Definition (Scope):**
Services that are provided when personal care services furnished under the approved State Plan limits are exhausted. Services include assistance with eating, bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, and other activities of daily living. This service includes assistance with preparation of meals, but does not include the cost of the meals. This service may also include housekeeping chores such as bed making, dusting and vacuuming, which are incidental to the care furnished or which are essential to the health and welfare of the enrollee, rather than the enrollee's family.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**
Personal Care services under the waiver are authorized based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to maintain the enrollee in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most LTC plan a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The state will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):**

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- [ ] Legally Responsible Person
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- [x] Legal Guardian

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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Personal Care              |

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
As defined under Section 413.371, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Personal Care              |

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: PDO-Personal Care
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
N/A.
Certificate (specify):
N/A.
Other Standard (specify):
May be provided by a legal guardian.
Level II background screening and executed Participant Direction Service Work agreement.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
Managed Care Plan - ongoing.
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Personal Care

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Nurse Registry

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 400.506, F. S.
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Personal Care

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) provider

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
As defined under Chapter 410 or 430, F. S.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Personal Care

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III. F. S.
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.
State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
- Extended State Plan Service

**Service Title:**
- Physical Therapy

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

- **Category 1:**
  - 11 Other Health and Therapeutic Services

- **Sub-Category 1:**
  - 11090 physical therapy

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

**Service Definition (Scope):**

Physical Therapy services under the waiver are provided when Physical Therapy services furnished under the approved State Plan are exhausted. Physical Therapy services provide treatment to restore, improve, or maintain impaired functions by the use of physical, chemical, and other properties of heat, light, electricity or sound, and by massage and active, resistive, or passive exercise. The services must be performed by a qualified physical therapist. There must be an explanation that the enrollee's condition will be improved significantly (the outcome of the therapies must be measurable by the attending medical professional) in a reasonable (and generally predictable) period of time based on an assessment of restoration potential, or a determination that services are necessary to a safe and effective maintenance program for the enrollee.
All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community. **Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**

The waiver will provide additional Physical Therapy treatments based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to serve the enrollee in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

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Service Delivery Method *(check each that applies):*

- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [x] Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by *(check each that applies):*

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Appendix C: Participant Services

**C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service**

**Service Type:** Extended State Plan Service  
**Service Name:** Physical Therapy

**Provider Category:**  
Agency

**Provider Type:**  
Center for Independent Living

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**  
  As defined under section 413.371, F. S.

- **Certificate (specify):**

- **Other Standard (specify):**
All direct service providers must be either registered, certified or licensed under Chapter 486, F.S. as a physical therapist or be supervised by a licensed physical therapist under Chapter 486, F.S. All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Physical Therapy |

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Outpatient Hospital Unit

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Chapter 395, Part I and 408, Part II, Florida Statutes

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All direct service providers must be either registered, certified or licensed under Chapter 486, F.S. as a physical therapist or be supervised by a licensed physical therapist under Chapter 486, F.S. All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
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Frequency of Verification:
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Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Physical Therapy |

Provider Category:
Individual

Provider Type:
Physical Therapist

Provider Qualifications
**License (specify):**
Licensed under Chapter 486, F. S.

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
All direct service providers must be either registered, certified or licensed under Chapter 486, F. S. as a physical therapist.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA or its designee.

**Frequency of Verification:**
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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service**

**Service Type:** Extended State Plan Service  
**Service Name:** Physical Therapy

**Provider Category:**
Agency

**Provider Type:**
Nursing Facilities

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**
Chapter 400, Part II, F. S.

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
All direct service providers must be either registered, certified or licensed under Chapter 486, F. S. as a physical therapist or be a physical therapist assistant under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does
not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Physical Therapy |

Provider Category:
- Individual

Provider Type:
- Physical Therapist Assistant

Provider Qualifications

| License (specify): |
| Licensed under Chapter 486, F. S. |
| Certificate (specify): |
| Other Standard (specify): |
| All direct service providers must be either registered, certified or licensed under Chapter 486, F. S. as a physical therapist assistant or be supervised by a licensed physical therapist. |

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as necessary.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Physical Therapy |

Provider Category:
- Agency

Provider Type:
- Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications

| License (specify): |
| Chapter 400, Part III, Florida Statutes |
| Certificate (specify): |
Other Standard *(specify)*:  
Optional to meet Federal Conditions of Participation.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA or its designee.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Annually or more frequently as necessary.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Service Specification**

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
Extended State Plan Service

**Service Title:**
Respiratory Therapy

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

**Category 1:**

11 Other Health and Therapeutic Services

**Sub-Category 1:**

11110 respiratory therapy

**Category 2:**

**Sub-Category 2:**

**Category 3:**

**Sub-Category 3:**

**Category 4:**
Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Respiratory therapy services are provided under the waiver after respiratory therapy services available through the State Plan are exhausted. These services include evaluation and treatment related to pulmonary dysfunction. Examples are ventilatory support; therapeutic and diagnostic use of medical gases; respiratory rehabilitation; management of life support systems and bronchopulmonary drainage; breathing exercises and chest physiotherapy.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
The waiver will provide additional Respiratory Therapy treatments based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to serve the enrollee in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

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Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Respiratory Therapy
Provider Category: 

Agency  

Provider Type: 

Nursing Facility 

Provider Qualifications 

License (specify): 
Chapter 400, Part II, F. S. 

Certificate (specify): 

Other Standard (specify): 
All direct service providers must be licensed under Chapter 468, F. S. as a respiratory therapist or be supervised by a licensed respiratory therapist.

The waiver will provide additional Respiratory Therapy treatments based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to serve the enrollee in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible. 

Verification of Provider Qualifications 

Entity Responsible for Verification: 
AHCA or its designee. 

Frequency of Verification: 
Annually or more frequently as needed. 

Appendix C: Participant Services 

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service 

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service 
Service Name: Respiratory Therapy 

Provider Category: 

Agency  

Provider Type: 

Home Health Agency 

Provider Qualifications 

License (specify): 
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III, F. S. 

Certificate (specify): 

Other Standard (specify): 
All direct service providers must be licensed under Chapter 468, F. S. as a respiratory therapist or be supervised by a licensed respiratory therapist.

The waiver will provide additional Respiratory Therapy treatments based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to serve the enrollee in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible. 

Verification of Provider Qualifications 

Entity Responsible for Verification: 
AHCA or its designee. 

Frequency of Verification: 
Annually or more frequently as needed.
Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Respiratory Therapy

Provider Category:
Individual

Provider Type:
Respiratory Therapist

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Chapter 468, F. S.
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
The waiver will provide additional Respiratory Therapy treatments based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to serve the enrollee in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Extended State Plan Service

Service Title:
Speech Therapy

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:
11 Other Health and Therapeutic Services

Sub-Category 1:
11100 speech, hearing, and language therapy

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:
Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Speech Therapy services under the waiver are provided when Speech Therapy services furnished under the approved State Plan are exhausted. Speech Therapy is the identification and treatment of neurological deficiencies related to feeding problems, congenital or trauma related maxillofacial anomalies, autism, or neurological conditions that affect oral motor functions. Therapy services include the evaluation and treatment of problems related to oral motor dysfunction.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
The waiver will provide additional Speech Therapy treatments based upon the medical necessity of the enrollee's care needs reflected in the approved care plan designed to serve the enrollee in a safe and healthy manner in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

It is the state’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The state will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

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| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Speech Therapy |

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
As defined in Section 413.371, F. S.
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All direct service providers must be licensed under Chapter 468, F. S. as a speech therapist or be supervised by a licensed speech therapist.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Extended State Plan Service |
| Service Name: Speech Therapy |

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Chapter 400, Part III, F. S.
Certificate (specify):
Other Standard (specify): Optional to meet the Federal Conditions of Participation.

All direct service providers must be licensed under Chapter 468, F. S. as a speech therapist or be supervised by a licensed speech therapist.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification: AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification: Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Speech Therapy

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Hospital Outpatient Unit

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 395, Part I and chapter 408, Part II, F.S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All direct service providers must be licensed under Chapter 468, F. S. as a speech therapist or be supervised by a licensed speech therapist.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification: AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification: Annually or more frequently as needed.
Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Speech Therapy

Provider Category: Agency
Provider Type: Speech-Language Pathologist

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Chapter 468, Part I, F. S.
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All direct service providers must be licensed under Chapter 468, Part I, F. S. as a speech-language pathologist or a certified speech language pathologist assistant under the direct supervision of a speech-language pathologist licensed under Chapter 468, Part I, F. S.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification: AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification: Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Title: Transportation

HCBS Taxonomy:
Category 1:
15 Non-Medical Transportation

Sub-Category 1:
15010 non-medical transportation

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:
Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Service offered in order to enable enrollees to gain access to waiver services specified by the plan of care. This service is offered in addition to medical transportation required under 42 CFR 431.53 and transportation services under the State Plan, defined at 42 CFR 440.170(a) (if applicable), and shall not replace them. Transportation services under the waiver shall be offered in accordance with the enrollee's plan of care. Whenever possible, family, neighbors, friends, or community agencies, which can provide this service without charge, will be utilized.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
There are no service limits for individuals under age 21.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
Relative

Legal Guardian

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Transportation

Provider Category:

Individual

Provider Type:

Independent (private auto, wheelchair van, bus, or taxi)

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Chapter 322, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Residential facility providers that comply with Chapter 427, F. S.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Transportation

Provider Category:

Agency

Provider Type:

Community Transportation Coordinator

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Chapter 316 and 322, F. S.

Certificate (specify):
**Other Standard (specify):**
In compliance with Chapter 41-2, F.A.C.

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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
**Entity Responsible for Verification:** AHCA or its designee.
**Frequency of Verification:** Annually or more frequently as needed.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Service Specification**

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
- Other Service
  - As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**
- Adult Companion

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

**Category 1:**
- 08 Home-Based Services

**Sub-Category 1:**
- 08040 companion

**Category 2:**

**Sub-Category 2:**

**Category 3:**

**Sub-Category 3:**

**Category 4:**
Sub-Category 4:

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- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
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Service Definition (Scope):
Non-medical care, supervision and socialization provided to a functionally impaired adult. Companions assist or supervise the enrollee with tasks such as meal preparation or laundry and shopping, but do not perform discrete services. The provision of companion services does not entail hands-on nursing care. This service includes light housekeeping tasks incidental to the care and supervision of the enrollee.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
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Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):
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- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):
- Legally Responsible Person
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Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Adult Companion

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
As defined by Chapter 413.371, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Adult Companion

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Providers

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
As defined in Chapter 410, or 430, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does
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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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**Provider Category:**
- Individual ❌

**Provider Type:**
- PDO-Adult Companion

**Provider Qualifications**
- **License (specify):**
  - N/A.
- **Certificate (specify):**
  - N/A.
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  - May be provided by a legal guardian.

Level II background screening and executed Participant Direction Service work Agreement.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA or its designee.

**Frequency of Verification:**
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**Provider Category:**
- Agency ❌

**Provider Type:**
- Nurse Registries

**Provider Qualifications**
- **License (specify):**
  - Licensed per Chapter 400.506, F. S.
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA or its designee.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Annually or more frequently as necessary.

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**C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service**

**Service Type:** Other Service  
**Service Name:** Adult Companion

**Provider Category:**
Agency

**Provider Type:**
Homemaker/Companion Agency

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
Registration in accordance with chapter 400.409, F. S.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA or its designee.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Annually or more frequently as necessary.
Provider Type:
Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III, Florida Statutes
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as necessary.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Adult Companion

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Health Care Service Pools

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part IX, F. S.
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
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Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Service Specification
State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**

Assisted Living

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

- **Category 1:**
  - 02 Round-the-Clock Services

- **Sub-Category 1:**
  - 02023 shared living, other

- **Category 2:**

- **Sub-Category 2:**

- **Category 3:**

- **Sub-Category 3:**

- **Category 4:**

- **Sub-Category 4:**

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- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

**Service Definition (Scope):**

Personal care services, homemaker services, chore services, attendant care, companion services, medication oversight, and therapeutic social and recreational programming provided in a home-like environment in an assisted living facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 429, Part I, Florida Statutes.

This service does not include the cost of room and board furnished in conjunction with residing in the facility. This service includes 24-hour on-site response staff to meet scheduled or unpredictable needs in a way that promotes maximum dignity and independence, and to provide supervision, safety and security. Individualized care is furnished to persons who reside in their own living units (which may include dual occupied units when
both occupants consent to the arrangement) which may or may not include kitchenette and/or living rooms and which contain bedrooms and toilet facilities. The resident has a right to privacy. Living units may be locked at the discretion of the resident, except when a physician or mental health professional has certified in writing the resident is sufficiently cognitively impaired as to be a danger to self or others if given the opportunity to lock the door and all protections have been met to ensure individuals’ rights have not been violated. The facility must have a central dining room, living room or parlor, and common activity areas, which may also serve as living rooms or dining rooms. The resident retains the right to assume risk, tempered only by a person's ability to assume responsibility for that risk. Care must be furnished in a way that fosters the independence of each resident to facilitate aging in place.

Routines of care provision and service delivery must be consumer-driven to the maximum extent possible, and treat each person with dignity and respect. Assisted living services may also include medication administration, periodic nursing evaluations and respite. The LTC plan may arrange for other authorized service providers to deliver care to enrollees residing in assisted living facilities in the same manner as those services would be delivered to an enrollee in their own home. ALF administrators, direct service personnel and other service personnel have a responsibility to encourage enrollees to take part in social, educational and recreational activities as they are capable of enjoying.

All services provided by the assisted living facility must be included in a care plan maintained at the facility with a copy provided to the enrollee's case manager. The LTC plan shall be responsible for placing enrollees in the appropriate assisted living facility setting. All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage plan members' independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

Plans must include appropriate facilities in their provider network and are required to ensure facilities have a clear understanding of the requirement to operate according to the HCB characteristics as described in the Appendix C of the waiver application. The State has provided language which must be incorporated into the plans' provider contracts. Plans are required to credential and monitor providers on their compliance with the HCB characteristics.

When an enrollee requires residential services, the plan will ensure recipients exercise their right to choice of network providers, and to receive assisted living services in an appropriate ALF that meets the waiver requirements, and can serve the enrollee’s needs through:

- Person-centered care planning: The enrollee and the case manager will work together to identify the services the individual needs, identify the enrollee’s goals and assess the choice of providers to determine which setting is most suitable.

- Home and Community-Based Settings standards: Implemented by facilities and monitored by the LTC plans and the State on an on-going basis.

- Continual information and contact: Plans are required to ensure enrollees are informed about the services available and their rights by a variety of means. Furthermore, case managers are required to maintain monthly contact with their enrollees to, among other requirements, determine the on-going validity and adequacy of the enrollee’s services and living environment.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

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Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):
Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E

Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Assisted Living

Provider Category:
Individual

Provider Type:
Assisted Living Facility

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 429, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the State will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

Additional qualifications: As a condition of Medicaid payment, ALFs must offer facility services to Long-Term Managed Care plan members in compliance with 42 CFR Section 441.301.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as necessary.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification
State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**

*Other Service*

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**

Attendant Care

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

- **Category 1:**
  - Home-Based Services

- **Sub-Category 1:**
  - Personal care

- **Category 2:**

- **Sub-Category 2:**

- **Category 3:**

- **Sub-Category 3:**

- **Category 4:**

- **Sub-Category 4:**

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

**Service Definition (Scope):**

Attendant care services differ in limits from the services offered under Home Health Services State Plan for adults. This service provides hands on care, of both a supportive and health-related nature, specific to the needs of a medically stable, physically handicapped enrollee. Supportive services are those that substitute for the absence, loss, diminution, or impairment of a physical or cognitive function. Housekeeping activities that are incidental to the performance of care may also be furnished as part of this activity. Supervision must be provided by a Registered Nurse, licensed to practice in the State. All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.
Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
There are no limits for medically necessary services for enrollees under age 21. Intermittent and Skilled Nursing Services can be authorized as necessary to manage the medically necessary care needs of the enrollee in the least restrictive residential setting possible.

It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the state will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The state will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- [✓] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [✓] Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- [✓] Legally Responsible Person
- [✓] Relative
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications

- License (specify): As defined under Chapter 413.371, Florida Statutes.
- Certificate (specify): N/A.
- Other Standard (specify): All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

**Frequency of Verification:**
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**Provider Category:**
Agency

**Provider Type:**
Nurse Registry

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  Chapter 400.506, Florida Statutes.
- **Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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**Provider Category:**
Individual

**Provider Type:**
Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  Licensed under Chapter 464, Florida Statutes
- **Certificate (specify):**
  N/A.

**Other Standard (specify):**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Attendant Care

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 400, Florida Statutes
Certificate (specify):
N/A.
Other Standard (specify):
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Verification of Provider Qualifications
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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

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Service Type:
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Behavior Management

HCBS Taxonomy:
Category 1:
10 Other Mental Health and Behavioral Services

Sub-Category 1:
10090 other mental health and behavioral services
Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
This service provides an enrollee with persistent problematic behavior an evaluation of the origins and triggers of the problem behavior, development of strategies to address the behavior, implementation of an intervention by the provider and orientation and assistance for the caregiver to be able to intervene to improve the behavior and maintain the improved behavior.

All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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The State will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

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Provider Category:

- Individual

Provider Type:

- Registered Nurse

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Chapter 464, Part I, F. S. and Chapter 64B9, F. A. C.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Individual nurses who provide this service must have a minimum of two years of direct experience working with adult populations who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias or other persistent behavior problems.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Behavior Management

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Home Health Agencies

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III, F. S.
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Optional to meet Federal Conditions of Participation.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Behavior Management

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
As defined under Chapter 413.317, F. S.
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All direct service providers must be licensed as either a registered nurse under chapter 464, F. S., a psychologist under chapter 491, F. S., or a clinical social worker or mental health counselor under Chapter 491, F. S.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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Entity Responsible for Verification:
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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Behavior Management

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Nurse Registry

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Licensed under chapter 400.506, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Individual nurses who provide this service must have a minimum of two years of direct experience working with adult populations who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias or other persistent behavior problems.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Behavior Management

Provider Category:
Individual

Provider Type:
Clinical Social Worker, Mental Health Counselor

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 491, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.
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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

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| Service Type: Other Service |
| Service Name: Behavior Management |

**Provider Category:**
Agency

**Provider Type:**
Community Mental Health Center

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  Licensed under Chapter 397, F. S.
- **Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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| Service Type: Other Service |
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**Provider Category:**
Individual

**Provider Type:**
Psychologist

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  Licensed under Chapter 490, F. S.
- **Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA or its designee.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1/C-3: Service Specification**

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**Service Type:**
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**
Caregiver Training

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

- **Category 1:**
  - 09 Caregiver Support

- **Sub-Category 1:**
  - 09020 caregiver counseling and/or training

- **Category 2:**

- **Sub-Category 2:**

- **Category 3:**

- **Sub-Category 3:**

- **Category 4:**

- **Sub-Category 4:**
Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

**Service Definition (Scope):**
Training and counseling services for individuals who provide unpaid support, training, companionship or supervision to enrollees. For purposes of this service, individual is defined as any person, family member, neighbor, friend, companion, or co-worker who provides uncompensated care, training, guidance, companionship or support to a person served on the waiver. This service may not be provided in order to train paid caregivers. Training includes instruction about treatment regimens and other services included in the plan of care, use of equipment specified in the plan of care, and includes updates as necessary to safely maintain the enrollee at home. Counseling must be aimed at assisting the unpaid caregiver in meeting the needs of the enrollee. All training for individuals who provide unpaid support to the enrollee must be included in the enrollee's plan of care.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**
It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the State will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

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**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):**
- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

**Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):**
- Legally Responsible Person
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- **Service Type:** Other Service
- **Service Name:** Caregiver Training

**Provider Category:**
Individual

**Provider Type:**
Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  Licensed under Chapter 464, F. S.

- **Certificate (specify):**

  **Other Standard (specify):**
  All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

- **Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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**Provider Category:**

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  **Provider Type:**
  Center for Independent Living

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  As defined under Section 413.317, F. S.

- **Certificate (specify):**

  **Other Standard (specify):**
  All direct service providers must be licensed either as registered or licensed practical nurses under Chapter 464, F. S. or clinical social workers or mental health counselors under Chapter 491, F. S.

  All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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Provider Type: 
Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Chapter 400, Part III, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Optional to meet Federal Conditions of Participation under 42 CFR 484.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification: 
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Provider Category: 
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Provider Type: 
Clinical Social Worker, Mental Health Counselor

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Chapter 491, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Optional to meet Federal Conditions of Participation under 42 CFR 484.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

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**Service Type:** Other Service  
**Service Name:** Caregiver Training

**Provider Category:**  
Agency

**Provider Type:**  
Community Care for the Elderly

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
As defined in Chapter 410 or 430, F. S.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

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**Service Type:**

Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**  
Home Accessibility Adaptations

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

**Category 1:**

14 Equipment, Technology, and Modifications
Sub-Category 1:

14020 home and/or vehicle accessibility adaptations

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Physical adaptations to the home required by the enrollee's plan of care which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the enrollee or which enable the enrollee to function with greater independence in the home and without which the enrollee would require institutionalization. Such adaptations may include the installation of ramps and grab-bars, widening of doorways, modification of bathroom facilities, or installation of specialized electric and plumbing systems to accommodate the medical equipment and supplies which are necessary for the welfare of the enrollee. Excluded are those adaptations or improvements to the home that are of general utility and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the enrollee, such as carpeting, roof repair, or central air conditioning. Adaptations which add to the total square footage of the home are not included in this benefit. All services must be provided in accordance with applicable state and local building codes.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the State will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

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Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):
Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
☑ Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

☐ Legally Responsible Person
☐ Relative
☐ Legal Guardian

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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Home Accessibility Adaptations

Provider Category:
Individual ☑

Provider Type:
General Contractor

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Licensed by the Department of Professional Regulation (DPR) under Chapter 489.131, F. S. and locally under Chapter 205, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Home Accessibility Adaptations

Provider Category:
Agency ☑

Provider Type:
Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
As defined under Section 413.371, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All direct service providers must be licensed under Chapter 489, F. S. and locally under Chapter 205, F. S.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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Entity Responsible for Verification:
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Frequency of Verification:
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Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Home Delivered Meals

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

06 Home Delivered Meals

Sub-Category 1:

06010 home delivered meals

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:
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gor 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Nutritionally sound meals to be delivered to the residence of an enrollee who has difficulty shopping for or preparing food without assistance. All meals must provide a minimum of 33 1/3% of the current Dietary Reference Intake (DRI). The meals meet the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans, the USDA My Pyramid Food Intake Pattern and reflect the predominant statewide demographic.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the State will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The State will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

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**Provider Category:**
- Agency

**Provider Type:**
- Older American's Act Providers

**Provider Qualifications**
- **License (specify):**
- **Certificate (specify):**
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  - As defined in Rule 58A-1, F. A. C.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
- **Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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**Provider Category:**
- Agency

**Provider Type:**
- Food Establishment

**Provider Qualifications**
- **License (specify):**
  - Chapter 500.12, F. S.
- **Certificate (specify):**
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  - All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service  
Service Name: Home Delivered Meals

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Food Service Establishment

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Chapter 509.241, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
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Frequency of Verification:
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service  
Service Name: Home Delivered Meals

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Community Care for the Elderly Providers

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
As defined in Chapter 4100r 430, F. S.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
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Frequency of Verification:
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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:

Medication Administration

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

[11 Other Health and Therapeutic Services]

Sub-Category 1:

11030 medication assessment and/or management

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

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- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):

Pursuant to 400.4256, Florida Statutes, assistance with self-administration of medications, whether in the home or a facility, includes taking the medication from where it is stored and delivering it to the recipient; removing a prescribed amount of medication from the container and placing it in the enrollee's hand or another container;
helping the enrollee by lifting the container to their mouth; applying topical medications; and keeping a record of when an enrollee receives assistance with self-administration of their medications.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**
It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the State will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

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- [x] Provider managed

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**C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service**

**Service Type:** Other Service  
**Service Name:** Medication Administration

**Provider Category:**

- [ ] Agency

**Provider Type:**

Nurse Registry

**Provider Qualifications**

**License (specify):**
Licensed Chapter 400.506, F. S.

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or voluntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Medication Administration

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Unlicensed Staff Member Trained per 58A-5.0191(5), F. A. C.

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify): Trained in accordance with Chapter 58A-5.019(5), F. A. C. and demonstrate ability to accurately read and interpret a prescription label.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification: AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification: Annually or more frequently as needed.

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Medication Administration

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications
License (specify): Chapter 400, Part III, F. S.
Certificate (specify):
Other Standard (specify):
Optional to meet Federal Conditions of Participation.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Medication Administration

Provider Category:
Individual

Provider Type:
Licensed Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Chapter 464, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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Service Type:
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Medication Management

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

11 Other Health and Therapeutic Services

Sub-Category 1:

11030 medication assessment and/or management

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

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Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

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Service Definition (Scope):
Review by a licensed nurse or pharmacist of all prescriptions and over-the-counter medications taken by the enrollee, in conjunction with the enrollee’s physician on at least an annual or on an as needed basis upon a significant change in the plan member's condition. The purpose of the review is to assess whether the enrollee’s medication is accurate, valid, non-duplicative and correct for the diagnosis; that therapeutic doses and administration are at an optimum level; that there is appropriate laboratory monitoring and follow-up taking place; and that drug interactions, allergies and contraindications and being assessed and prevented.

All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the State will pay most
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- **Service Type:** Other Service
- **Service Name:** Medication Management

**Provider Category:**

- [ ] Individual

**Provider Type:**

- Pharmacist

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  - Chapter 465, F. S.
- **Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III. F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
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Verification of Provider Qualifications

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Service Type:
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Nutritional Assessment and Risk Reduction

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

11 Other Health and Therapeutic Services

Sub-Category 1:

11040 nutrition consultation

Category 2:
Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

**Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:**
- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
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**Service Definition (Scope):**
An assessment, hands-on care, and guidance to caregivers and enrollees with respect to nutrition. This service teaches caregivers and enrollees to follow dietary specifications essential to the enrollee's health and physical functioning, to prepare and eat nutritionally appropriate meals and promote better health through improved nutrition. This service may include instructions on shopping for quality food and on food preparation.

All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**
It is the State's intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the State will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

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**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):**
- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [X] Provider managed

**Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):**
- [ ] Legally Responsible Person
- [ ] Relative
Legal Guardian

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Nutritional Assessment and Risk Reduction

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Dietician/Nutritionist or Nutrition Counselor

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Chapter 468, Part X, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification: AHCA or its designee.

Frequency of Verification: Annually or more frequently as needed.

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
As defined by Section 315.371, F. S.

Certificate (specify):
Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Nutritional Assessment and Risk Reduction

Provider Category:
Agenc[y

Provider Type:
Community Care for the Elderly Providers

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
As defined by Chapter 410 or 430, F. S.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
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Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Nutritional Assessment and Risk Reduction

Provider Category:
Agenc[y

Provider Type:
Home Health Agency

Provider Qualifications
**License (specify):**
Licensed under Chapter 400, Part III, F. S.

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**
Optional to meet Federal Conditions of Participation.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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**Provider Category:**
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**Other Standard (specify):**
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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
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AHCA or its designee.
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### Appendix C: Participant Services

#### C-1/C-3: Service Specification
State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) (Installation)

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:
14 Equipment, Technology, and Modifications

Sub-Category 1:
14010 personal emergency response system (PERS)

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:

Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
The installation of an electronic device that enables enrollees at high risk of institutionalization to secure help in an emergency. The PERS is connected to the person’s phone and programmed to signal a response center once a "help" button is activated. The enrollee may also wear a portable "help" button to allow for mobility.

All direct service professionals providing LTC waiver services have the requisite responsibility to encourage enrollee independence, inclusion, and integration into the community.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
It is the State’s intention that the long-term care managed care plans have the maximum flexibility needed to ensure the individual receives the services necessary to maintain health, safety, and welfare and to remain in a community setting. The State will require that plans provide management oversight of services, and the State will oversee to ensure this takes place. Incentives have been put into place for the plans to manage the program efficiently and ensure that inappropriate duplication of services does not occur. Since the State will pay most managed care plans a capitated monthly fee for each recipient, for which the plan will be responsible for ensuring the recipient receives appropriate services congruent with the plan of care.

The State will analyze encounter data to detect aberrant billing practices and unusual spending and will require plans to explain any such aberrations or face penalties.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

☑ Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
☐ Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

☐ Legally Responsible Person
☐ Relative
☐ Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) (Installation)

Provider Category:

☑ Individual

Provider Type:
Low- Voltage Contractors and Electrical Contractors

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Exempt from licensure in accordance with section 489.503(15)(a-d, F. S. and Section 489.503 (16), F. S.

All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification: AHCA or its designee.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually or more frequently as needed.

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Provider Type:
Alarm System Contractors

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):
Chapter 489, Part II, F. S.

Other Standard (specify):
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Service Type:

Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR 440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)(Maintenance)

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

14 Equipment, Technology, and Modifications

Sub-Category 1:
Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
The service of an electronic device that enables enrollees at high risk of institutionalization to secure help in an emergency. The PERS is connected to the person's phone and programmed to signal a response center once a "help" button is activated. The enrollee may also wear a portable "help" button to allow for mobility.

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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)(Maintenance)

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Alarm System Contractors

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Chapter 489, Part II, F. S.

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
All service providers must be in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program. A provider is not in good standing if the provider was suspended or involuntarily terminated from the Florida Medicaid program, other than for reason of inactivity. A provider terminated for these reasons does not regain good standing until such time as the Medicaid agency authorizes it to again participate in the Medicaid program.

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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)(Maintenance)

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Low-Voltage and Electrical Contractors

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):
**Other Standard** (specify):
Exempt from licensure in accordance with Section 489.503 (15) (a-d), F. S. and Section 489.503 (16), F. S.

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**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
AHCA or its designee.
**Frequency of Verification:**
Annually or more frequently as needed.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1: Summary of Services Covered (2 of 2)**

b. **Provision of Case Management Services to Waiver Participants.** Indicate how case management is furnished to waiver participants (select one):

- **Not applicable** - Case management is not furnished as a distinct activity to waiver participants.
- **Applicable** - Case management is furnished as a distinct activity to waiver participants.

Check each that applies:
- **As a waiver service defined in Appendix C-3.** Do not complete item C-1-c.
- **As a Medicaid State plan service under §1915(i) of the Act (HCBS as a State Plan Option).** Complete item C-1-c.
- **As a Medicaid State plan service under §1915(g)(1) of the Act (Targeted Case Management).** Complete item C-1-c.
- **As an administrative activity.** Complete item C-1-c.

c. **Delivery of Case Management Services.** Specify the entity or entities that conduct case management functions on behalf of waiver participants:

The waiver operates through a managed care service delivery model. Long-term Care (LTC) plan employees or other case management providers enrolled in the plan's provider network's employees assess each member's care needs, develop the care plan to address the identified care needs with the assistance of the member or his or her designated representative.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-2: General Service Specifications (1 of 3)**

a. **Criminal History and/or Background Investigations.** Specify the State's policies concerning the conduct of criminal history and/or background investigations of individuals who provide waiver services (select one):

- **No.** Criminal history and/or background investigations are not required.
- **Yes.** Criminal history and/or background investigations are required.

Specify: (a) the types of positions (e.g., personal assistants, attendants) for which such investigations must be conducted; (b) the scope of such investigations (e.g., state, national); and, (c) the process for ensuring that mandatory investigations have been conducted. State laws, regulations and policies referenced in this description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid or the operating agency (if applicable):
(a) and (b): LTC plans and subcontractors are subject to mandatory criminal history background screenings. For each LTC plan, all owners, officers, directors, and managers must complete a Level II criminal history background screening as part of the Medicaid provider enrollment and re-enrollment processes whether or not they own a percentage of the company. The screening requirements listed below apply to the following health care facility or provider types which are licensed by AHCA and included as providers under this waiver program: Adult Day Care Centers; Assisted Living Facilities; Home Health Agencies; Homemaker, Sitter, Companion Agencies; Home Medical Equipment Providers; Nurse Registry; and Nursing Facilities. Each of these provider types is subject to screening as required by Florida Statutes as listed below.

Direct Care Staff - Level II Criminal History Screening
Owner/Administrator - Level II Criminal History Screening
Financial Officer - Level II Criminal History Screening

A Level II Criminal History Screening consists of a fingerprint check of State and Federal arrest and criminal history information conducted through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

(c) The LTC plan will be required to ensure that providers and requisite staff have a current Level 2 Criminal History and/or background investigation. The LTC Plan shall keep a record of all background checks to be available for Agency review upon request. Plans are required to keep this information in provider credentialing and re-credentialing files which the State will assess for compliance during the readiness review period, and during annual monitoring thereafter. Additionally, to ensure all background screening requirements have been met, interpretive guidelines for annual licensure surveys require state surveyors to conduct personnel record reviews to verify that facilities have evidence of required screening.

b. Abuse Registry Screening. Specify whether the State requires the screening of individuals who provide waiver services through a State-maintained abuse registry (select one):

- ☐ No. The State does not conduct abuse registry screening.
- ☐ Yes. The State maintains an abuse registry and requires the screening of individuals through this registry.

Specify: (a) the entity (entities) responsible for maintaining the abuse registry; (b) the types of positions for which abuse registry screenings must be conducted; and, (c) the process for ensuring that mandatory screenings have been conducted. State laws, regulations and policies referenced in this description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable):

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-2: General Service Specifications (2 of 3)

c. Services in Facilities Subject to §1616(e) of the Social Security Act. Select one:

- ☐ No. Home and community-based services under this waiver are not provided in facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act.
- ☐ Yes. Home and community-based services are provided in facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act. The standards that apply to each type of facility where waiver services are provided are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

i. Types of Facilities Subject to §1616(e). Complete the following table for each type of facility subject to §1616(e) of the Act:

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ii. Larger Facilities: In the case of residential facilities subject to §1616(e) that serve four or more individuals unrelated to the proprietor, describe how a home and community character is maintained in these settings.

ALF licensing regulations concerning facility and service delivery design (Ch. 429, F. S. and 58A, F.A.C.) promote home-like characteristics (HCB) for their residents. Florida’s Assisted Care Communities Resident Bill of Rights is detailed in Ch. 429.28, F.S sets out an individual resident’s rights in these settings. Facility services must be furnished in a way that fosters the independence of each enrollee. The enrollee retains the right to assume risk, tempered only by their ability to assume responsibility for the risk. AFCH’s are not qualified providers under the 1915(c) waiver; however, the State recognizes enrollees may receive waiver services in this setting in the future. Accordingly, the state is requiring AFCH’s to conform to the HCB characteristics.

The State will assure applicable providers maintain a home-like environment and community integration through the following processes:

Subcontract Agreements
The State requires all LTC plan subcontracts with ALFs and AFCHs include language provided by the State detailing the HCB characteristic requirements. This language is based on federal rules and guidance on HCB characteristics. The State requires plan subcontracts to reference that all assisted living providers must be in compliance with s. 429.28, F.S.

Subcontracts with service providers are required to be included in the plans’ credentialing files. For ALFs and AFCHs, the State will review the subcontract to determine if the required HCB language is included in the subcontract. If this language is not included in the subcontract, the State will record it as a finding of non-compliance, and require corrective action from the long-term care managed care plan within 30 days.

Credentialing and Re-credentialing
Before contracting with a service provider and prior to the provision of services to long-term care managed care enrollees, plans are required to credential the service provider to ensure that it is qualified. Since the plans will be required to have language that promotes HCB characteristics in applicable subcontract agreements, plans will also be required to verify during the credentialing and re-credentialing process these environments exist in these facilities. This verification must include on-site review of the ALF or AFHC by plan staff prior to the plan enrolling waiver participants. Documentation must be included in the plans’ credentialing files for each contracted ALF and AFCH. The State will review and approve each selected plans’ policies and monitoring protocols including how the plan intends to assess providers for compliance with the HCB characteristics. The State will then assess the credentialing files for completeness and accuracy during the initial readiness process and during annual monitoring. The State is also incorporating HCB characteristics into its provider training and monitoring processes. In doing so, it will be able to compare its findings with those of the plans. (Also see Independent Validation by State)

Informing Residents of Their Rights
The State will require language in the enrollee handbook that informs enrollees of their right to receive HCBS in a home-like environment regardless of their living arrangement. Language will also be added that provides enrollees with information regarding the community integration goal planning process and their participation in that process. Through this process, the State intends to raise enrollees’ awareness of their right to receive services congruent with the HCB characteristics, and to empower the enrollee to alert their case manager or the State if they are not able to exercise these rights.

Waiver enrollees residing in ALF’s and AFCH’s must be offered services with the following options unless medical, physical, or cognitive impairments restrict or limit exercise of these options.

Choice of:
Private or semi-private rooms;
Roommate for semi-private rooms;
Locking door to living unit;
Access to telephone and length of use;
Eating schedule;
Participation in facility and community activities.

Ability to have:
Unlimited visitation;
Snacks as desired.

Ability to:
Prepare snacks as desired;
Maintain personal sleeping schedule.

Furthermore, ALFs and AFCHs will support the enrollee’s community inclusion and integration by working with the case manager and enrollee to facilitate the enrollee’s personal goals and community activities. This is part of the ongoing implementation of the enrollee’s care plan. The handbook will be given to all new enrollees during their initial orientation and annually thereafter by the case manager who will also be responsible for continuously informing and educating enrollees on these rights.

During its annual desk review, the State will review the enrollee handbook to determine whether the required language that informs enrollees of their right to receive home and community-based services in an HCB compliant setting is included in the handbook. If this language is missing from the handbook, the State will record it as a finding, and require that the language be added to the handbook, and that an updated handbook be submitted to the State for another review within 30 days.

Additionally, on an ongoing basis, State quality assurance clinical monitors will review a random, representative sample of current enrollee files for each plan. As part of this review, the quality assurance monitors will evaluate the enrollee’s case records to ensure certain activities are being conducted and documented by the case manager. The quality assurance monitors will evaluate whether the case record includes documentation the case manager discussed the enrollee’s right to reside in an HCB compliant setting at least once annually. Upon receipt of findings, plans have 15 business days to both fix the deficiencies and submit accompanying documentation to the State, or if required by the State, to submit a corrective action plan.

Face-to-Face Interview with Enrollees and Observation of the ALF and AFCH
On an ongoing basis, State quality assurance clinical monitors will review a random, representative sample of current enrollee files for each plan, organized by region. As part of this review, the quality assurance monitors will visit a selection of enrollees in their homes, including ALFs and AFCHs. As part of this visit, the State will require the monitors to ask each enrollee who resides in an ALF or AFCH questions regarding the home-like environment of the facility. In addition, enrollees will be interviewed about whether their needs and personal goals are being met.

If through their interview with the enrollee and/or through their observations of the ALF or AFCH the quality assurance monitors determine an enrollee is not residing in an HCB compliant setting, the monitors shall contact the appropriate State contract manager immediately upon their return, who will follow up with the long-term care managed care plan within 24 hours. Plans must remediate the deficiencies and submit accompanying documentation and a corrective action plan detailing their ongoing actions to ensure future deficiencies do not occur in the same facilities to the State within 15 business days.

The following are some examples of interventions or remediation steps the State would expect to see a plan implement upon discovering an ALF or AFCH was not maintaining HCB compliant:
• Work with the ALF or AFCH administrators and staff to correct the identified deficiencies within a timeframe specified by the State.
• Stop referring new enrollees to the non-compliant ALF or AFCH until outstanding deficiencies are resolved.
• Terminate ALFs or AFCHs that consistently fail to exhibit HCB characteristics and that do not resolve
outstanding issues from its network.
• Counsel enrollees who are not residing in a home-like environment that he or she will not be able to continue to receive home and community-based waiver services in a non-compliant facility. As a last resort, if the individual wishes to remain in the ALF or AFCH, move to disenroll them from the long-term care managed care waiver. As part of the transition plan for the enrollee, the plan will determine if there are any other services and supports available to help the individual stay in the ALF or AFCH.
• If the plan terminates a contract with an ALF or AFCH, and the enrollee agrees to move to a different ALF or AFCH, the plan will facilitate transferring the enrollee to an ALF or AFCH that meets the HCB requirements.

Enforcement by Agency’s Licensure Division
In addition to the above processes and plan-sponsored remediation activities, the Resident Bill of Rights in 429.28, Florida Statutes, specifies no resident of a facility shall be deprived of any civil or legal rights, benefits, or privileges guaranteed by law. Every resident of a facility shall have the right to:
• Freedom to participate in and benefit from community services and activities and to achieve the highest possible level of independence, autonomy, and interaction within the community.
• At least 45 days’ notice of relocation or termination of residency from the facility unless, for medical reasons, the resident is certified by a physician to require an emergency relocation to a facility providing a more skilled level of care or the resident engages in a pattern of conduct that is harmful or offensive to other residents. In the case of a resident who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated, the guardian shall be given at least 45 days’ notice of a non-emergency relocation or residency termination. Reasons for relocation shall be set forth in writing. In order for a facility to terminate the residency of an individual without notice as provided herein, the facility shall show good cause in a court of competent jurisdiction.

The resident may be required to sign a legally enforceable admission contract with the ALF or AFCH that outlines each party’s responsibilities. ALF’s and AFCH’s may be sanctioned by the licensing agency for contravening these agreements. If the case manager, contract manager, or anyone involved in the enrollee’s care has knowledge of a violation, that individual is responsible for reporting the violation to the Agency’s Division of Health Quality Assurance complaint line or field office.

Provider Education and Training
The State is conducting provider outreach and training on elements of provider responsibilities regarding HCBS waiver requirements, especially with regard to HCB characteristic requirements.

Independent Validation by the State
The State will follow the sampling methodology contained in the waiver when assessing the credentialing files for ALF’s and AFCH’s in each plans’ network prior to recipient enrollment during the readiness review period. These files must contain evidence that applicable residential providers have implemented the HCB characteristics contained in Appendix C of the waiver application.

In addition to the desk review, the State will conduct site visits to a representative sample of network ALFs for secondary verification. The sample size will achieve a 95% confidence level with a +/- 5% confidence interval.

Currently, none of the transitioning recipients reside in an AFCH. Should an individual enroll who resides in an AFCH, or should an enrolled individual seek to move to an AFCH, the State will ensure the proposed residence is monitored for compliance with the HCB characteristics prior to the individual moving there.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-2: Facility Specifications

Facility Type:

Adult Family Care Home
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Facility Capacity Limit:

Up to four individuals.

Scope of Facility Standards. For this facility type, please specify whether the State's standards address the following topics (check each that applies):

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When facility standards do not address one or more of the topics listed, explain why the standard is not included or is not relevant to the facility type or population. Explain how the health and welfare of participants is assured in the standard area(s) not addressed:

Space used to include more information about AFCH's and ALF's

An Adult Family Care Home is statutorily defined as having five or fewer residents in a full-time, family-type living arrangement, in a private home, under which a person who owns or rents the home provides room, board, and personal care, on a 24-hour basis, for no more than five disabled adults or frail elders who are not relatives.

Please see C-2-c-ii for a complete explanation of the State's home-like environment and community inclusion characteristics.

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C-2: Facility Specifications

Facility Type:

Assisted Living Facility

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### Facility Capacity Limit:

Facility specific and subject to State approval.

### Scope of Facility Standards

For this facility type, please specify whether the State's standards address the following topics (*check each that applies*):

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When facility standards do not address one or more of the topics listed, explain why the standard is not included or is not relevant to the facility type or population. Explain how the health and welfare of participants is assured in the standard area(s) not addressed:

Space used to include more information about AFCH's and ALF's

An Adult Family Care Home is statutorily defined as having five or fewer residents in a full-time, family-type living arrangement, in a private home, under which a person who owns or rents the home provides room, board, and personal care, on a 24-hour basis, for no more than five disabled adults or frail elders who are not relatives.

An Assisted Living Facility is statutorily defined as having six or more residents in any building or buildings, section or distinct part of a building, private home, boarding home, home for the aged, or other residential facility, whether operated for profit or not, which undertakes through its ownership or
management to provide housing, meals, and one or more personal services for a period exceeding 24-
hours to one or more adults who are not relatives of the owner or administrator.

Please see C-2-c-ii for a complete explanation of the State's home-like environment and community
inclusion characteristics.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-2: General Service Specifications (3 of 3)

d. Provision of Personal Care or Similar Services by Legally Responsible Individuals. A legally responsible
individual is any person who has a duty under State law to care for another person and typically includes: (a) the
parent (biological or adoptive) of a minor child or the guardian of a minor child who must provide care to the child or
(b) a spouse of a waiver participant. Except at the option of the State and under extraordinary circumstances specified
by the State, payment may not be made to a legally responsible individual for the provision of personal care or similar
services that the legally responsible individual would ordinarily perform or be responsible to perform on behalf of a
waiver participant. Select one:

☐ No. The State does not make payment to legally responsible individuals for furnishing personal care or
similar services.

☐ Yes. The State makes payment to legally responsible individuals for furnishing personal care or similar
services when they are qualified to provide the services.

Specify: (a) the legally responsible individuals who may be paid to furnish such services and the services they
may provide; (b) State policies that specify the circumstances when payment may be authorized for the provision
of extraordinary care by a legally responsible individual and how the State ensures that the provision of services
by a legally responsible individual is in the best interest of the participant; and, (c) the controls that are employed
to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered. Also, specify in Appendix C-1/C-3 the personal
care or similar services for which payment may be made to legally responsible individuals under the State
policies specified here.

e. Other State Policies Concerning Payment for Waiver Services Furnished by Relatives/Legal Guardians.

Specify State policies concerning making payment to relatives/legal guardians for the provision of waiver services
over and above the policies addressed in Item C-2-d. Select one:

☐ The State does not make payment to relatives/legal guardians for furnishing waiver services.

☐ The State makes payment to relatives/legal guardians under specific circumstances and only when the
relative/guardian is qualified to furnish services.

Specify the specific circumstances under which payment is made, the types of relatives/legal guardians to whom
payment may be made, and the services for which payment may be made. Specify the controls that are employed
to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered. Also, specify in Appendix C-1/C-3 each waiver
service for which payment may be made to relatives/legal guardians.

☐ Relatives/legal guardians may be paid for providing waiver services whenever the relative/legal guardian
is qualified to provide services as specified in Appendix C-1/C-3.

Specify the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered.

☐ Other policy.
Specify:

The State allows legally liable relatives to be paid providers of participant directed services identified in the plan of care.

f. Open Enrollment of Providers. Specify the processes that are employed to assure that all willing and qualified providers have the opportunity to enroll as waiver service providers as provided in 42 CFR §431.51:

Not applicable. The waiver operates in combination with a waiver granted under 1915(b)(4) authority.

Appendix C: Participant Services

Quality Improvement: Qualified Providers

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Qualified Providers

The state demonstrates that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for assuring that all waiver services are provided by qualified providers.

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. Sub-Assurance: The State verifies that providers initially and continually meet required licensure and/or certification standards and adhere to other standards prior to their furnishing waiver services.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

% of licensed subcontractors by type, within the LTC provider network, that meet provider qualifications prior to delivering services and continuously. N: # of licensed subcontractors, by type, within the LTC provider network, that meet waiver service provider qualifications prior to delivering services and continuously. D: # of licensed subcontractors, by type, in LTC provider network.

Data Source (Select one):
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If ‘Other’ is selected, specify:
LTC plan quarterly reports.

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**Performance Measure:**
Percentage of LTC plans continuously qualified on an annual basis. N: Number of LTC plans continuously qualified on an annual basis. D: Number of LTC plans enrolled as program providers.

**Data Source** (Select one):

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  MCPs must report changes in their provider credentials monthly.

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b. **Sub-Assurance:** The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements.

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For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

**Performance Measure:**

% of non-licensed/non-certified subcontractors, by type, within the LTC network, satisfying waiver service qualifications prior to and continuously during the period.  

N: # of non-licensed/non-certified subcontractors, by type, satisfying waiver service qualifications prior to and continuously during the period.  

D: # of non-licensed/non-certified subcontractors, by type, in LTC provider network.

**Data Source** (Select one):

- Other
  
  If 'Other' is selected, specify:

  - LTC plan reports.

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Sub-Assurance: The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with state requirements and the approved waiver.

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For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Percentage of subcontractors with staff mandated to report abuse, neglect, and exploitation, verified by LTC plan that staff had received appropriate training. N: Number of subcontractors, with staff mandated to report abuse, neglect and exploitation, verified by LTC plan that staff has received appropriate training D: Number of subcontractors with staff that are mandated reporters.

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Performance Measure:
Percentage of LTC plan case managers satisfying abuse, neglect, exploitation, Alzheimer's disease and dementia training requirements. N: Number of LTC plan case managers satisfying abuse, neglect, exploitation, Alzheimer's disease and dementia training requirements. D: Number of case managers employed by or under contract to MCP.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

Plans are required to ensure providers are in good standing with the state and maintain proof of this in the required credentialing and re-credentialing files. Plans also have access to the Agency’s Florida Health Finder website which lists provider’s status and adverse licensure actions. Additionally, the Agency’s Health Quality Assurance division will continue to follow its licensing and monitoring protocols to ensure providers are in compliance with statutory licensing and facility requirements. The Agency notifies plans if a licensure action is taken against a provider, or if a provider is terminated from Medicaid for reasons other than inactivity. The Agency will require plans to remove a provider from its network if necessary.

Plans are required to notify affected enrollees in an appropriate formal communication, and via the case manager. The plans must then work with the affected enrollee to find an alternate provider and develop a transition plan as appropriate. The enrollee retains all of the rights described in this response and throughout the waiver application during the transition process.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State's method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

If the LTC plan's licensed subcontractors, by type, within the plan provider network and evaluated by the plan fail to meet provider qualifications prior to delivering services and continuously, the State will require the deficiencies be corrected within time frames based upon enrollee health and safety risks. LTC plans are required to submit at least quarterly provider network lists detailing new and continuing service providers. LTC plans are responsible for enrolling qualified subcontractors. If the State's review determines a LTC plan's service providers are unqualified, the LTC plan must correct the deficiency. The corrective action is approved by the State and must be implemented within established time frames depending on the severity of the deficiency. The LTC plan enrolling the unqualified service provider would be subject to sanctions.

If LTC plans do not continue to satisfy waiver service provider qualifications on an annual basis, the State requires a corrective action be developed and implemented to correct the deficiencies within established timeframes. Adequate provider networks must be maintained. These networks are reviewed and approved by the State. LTC plans whose networks fail to maintain the full range of required qualified service providers are informed of the deficiencies and requested to submit a corrective action within established time frames based upon the severity of the deficiency. If the corrective action is not implemented timely, the LTC plan is subject to sanctions.

If non-licensed/non-certified subcontractors by type, fail to satisfy waiver service provider qualifications prior to the delivery of services and continuously, the LTC plan will be out of compliance with the program contract. LTC plans must submit their provider network lists on at least a quarterly basis to the Agency for validation. If the provider network is found to contain unqualified providers the LTC plan must submit a corrective action to address the deficiency and notify affected beneficiaries. The Agency will verify the corrective action implementation. The LTC plan can be sanctioned for this non-compliance.

LTC plans must verify subcontractors with staff mandated to report abuse, neglect and exploitation have received appropriate training. During the annual desk review, LTC staff records are reviewed for compliance with these requirements. LTC plans found with training deficiencies must submit a corrective action within 20 days. If the LTC plans fails to implement the approved corrective action within the specified time frames usually 30 days are subject to sanctions including limitations on future enrollments.

If case managers do not satisfy abuse, neglect and exploitation, and Alzheimer's disease and dementia training requirements, the LTC plan is out of compliance with the program contract. As part of the annual desk review, the State would request a corrective action to address the deficiency within established timeframes. Failure to submit a corrective action and implement corrective actions timely usually within 30 days will subject the LTC plan to sanctions ranging from suspension of enrollment to payment suspension for non-compliance with the program contract.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)
c. Timelines
When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Qualified Providers that are currently non-operational.

- No
- Yes
  Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Qualified Providers, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-3: Waiver Services Specifications
Section C-3 'Service Specifications' is incorporated into Section C-1 'Waiver Services.'

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-4: Additional Limits on Amount of Waiver Services

a. Additional Limits on Amount of Waiver Services. Indicate whether the waiver employs any of the following additional limits on the amount of waiver services (select one).

- Not applicable - The State does not impose a limit on the amount of waiver services except as provided in Appendix C-3.
- Applicable - The State imposes additional limits on the amount of waiver services.
  When a limit is employed, specify: (a) the waiver services to which the limit applies; (b) the basis of the limit, including its basis in historical expenditure/utilization patterns and, as applicable, the processes and methodologies that are used to determine the amount of the limit to which a participant's services are subject; (c) how the limit will be adjusted over the course of the waiver period; (d) provisions for adjusting or making exceptions to the limit based on participant health and welfare needs or other factors specified by the state; (e) the safeguards that are in effect when the amount of the limit is insufficient to meet a participant's needs; (f) how participants are notified of the amount of the limit. (check each that applies)

- Limit(s) on Set(s) of Services. There is a limit on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services that is authorized for one or more sets of services offered under the waiver.
Furnish the information specified above.

☐ **Prospective Individual Budget Amount.** There is a limit on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services authorized for each specific participant.

*Furnish the information specified above.*

☐ **Budget Limits by Level of Support.** Based on an assessment process and/or other factors, participants are assigned to funding levels that are limits on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services.

*Furnish the information specified above.*

☐ **Other Type of Limit.** The State employs another type of limit.

*Describe the limit and furnish the information specified above.*

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-5: Home and Community-Based Settings**

Explain how residential and non-residential settings in this waiver comply with federal HCB Settings requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5) and associated CMS guidance. Include:

1. Description of the settings and how they meet federal HCB Settings requirements, at the time of submission and in the future.

2. Description of the means by which the state Medicaid agency ascertains that all waiver settings meet federal HCB Setting requirements, at the time of this submission and ongoing.

*Note instructions at Module 1, Attachment #2, HCB Settings Waiver Transition Plan for description of settings that do not meet requirements at the time of submission. Do not duplicate that information here.*

**LTC Compliant HCB Settings**

The LTC waiver has three settings that are compliant based with HCB settings requirements upon the initial assessment. Assisted living facilities, adult family care homes and adult day care centers are licensed by the Agency's Health Quality Assurance Division and the Agency's designated monitoring entity will monitor these facilities on an on-going basis to assure the continued compliance with HCB settings requirements.

The initial assessment determined that residents of these facilities may choose a single or double occupancy room and furnish it with their own keepsakes. Should the resident choose a double occupancy room, the choice of a roommate is their choice. Residents may choose locking doors to their rooms based upon their ability to manage the responsibility.

The initial assessment determined that residents in these facilities can choose varied snack and visiting schedules as required by the HCB settings requirements. Likewise, in both settings, residents may participate in the residences community activities or not. Resident may use their cell phones or the facility's telephone to communicate with their friends and relatives.

Likewise the adult day care centers provide home and community-based services in a safe and respectful manner, and encourage plan member's participation in community activities.

The residential and non-residential settings encourage residents to participate in community activities outside the facilities.
While adult family care homes may have fewer facility vehicles to transport residents to community events, family and friends may offer their own cars to make up any short fall in transportation.

AFCH’s may only provide Assistive Care, which is a State Plan service. Since waiver recipients may reside in AFCH’s and receive other services in this setting, the State will require AFCH’s to conform to the home and community based characteristics included in the waiver application.

See Module 1, Attachment #2. Waiver Specific Transition Plan for Long-term Care Waiver with 1915(c) Compliance for ongoing compliance activities.

Appendix D: Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery

D-1: Service Plan Development (1 of 8)

State Participant-Centered Service Plan Title:
Plan of Care

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 (select each that applies):

- Registered nurse, licensed to practice in the State
- Licensed practical or vocational nurse, acting within the scope of practice under State law
- Licensed physician (M.D. or D.O)
- Case Manager (qualifications specified in Appendix C-1/C-3)
- Case Manager (qualifications not specified in Appendix C-1/C-3).

Specify qualifications:

- Social Worker

Specify qualifications:

- Other

Specify the individuals and their qualifications:

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b. Service Plan Development Safeguards. Select one:

- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development may not provide other direct waiver services to the participant.
- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development may provide 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. Specify:

The State will monitor plan of care development and implementation to ensure that plans of care are developed in the best interest of the enrollee. LTC plans are required to develop quality assurance tools and protocols that include internal safeguards for plan of care development in addition to the external monitoring by the State.
The care planning process is person-centered, with the enrollee directing the care plan development process with the help of the case manager, his authorized representative, or any other individuals he would like included. The enrollee may invite anyone of his choosing (family members, authorized representatives, friends, etc.) to participate in his care planning process. This includes allowing the enrollee to make decisions about service options and identification of personal goals. If none of these individuals are available for an enrollee, the State expects the case manager to solicit input from enrollee-approved individuals who are familiar with the enrollee’s care needs and preferences.

The plan of care will be specific to the enrollee’s needs and goals that are identified using, at a minimum, the level of care assessment form(s) provided to the long-term care managed care plan by the Agency and the DOEA. The enrollee or legal guardian and the guardian advocate, caregiver, primary care physician or authorized representative must be consulted in the development of the plan of care. The plan of care will include goals and objectives, service schedules, medication management strategies, barriers to progress, and detail of interventions. When service needs are identified, the enrollee must be given information about the available network providers so that an informed choice of providers can be made. The entire care planning process is to be documented in the case record. If the enrollee disagrees with the assessment and/or authorization of placement/services (including the amount and/or frequency of a service), the case manager must provide the participant with a written notice of action that explains the enrollee’s right to file an appeal. The case manager assists the enrollee with filing for an appeal.

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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.

(a) Services and supports included in the plan of care are determined by the LTC plan in conjunction with the initial assessment information provided by the CARES Unit (as part of the level of care assessment) in consultation with the enrollee or his or her representative. The plan of care addresses all health and social service needs of the enrollee identified through the assessment. LTC plans are responsible for ensuring that the periodic review of the plan of care is performed through face-to-face contact at least every third month with the enrollee to determine the appropriateness and adequacy of services. During a periodic review, the LTC plan must involve the enrollee or representative in assessing whether the services furnished are consistent with the nature and severity of the enrollee's needs. Revisions to the plan of care must be done in consultation with the enrollee in addition to the caregiver and primary care provider when applicable.

(b) Enrollees have the authority to determine who is included in the development, review, and revision of their plan of care. This includes the enrollee's representative and/or family, caregivers, and physicians.

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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):

Each enrollee will have one person-centered plan of care. The LTC plan is required to develop an individualized written plan of care in a format approved by the State, for every enrollee within 5 business days of the effective date of enrollment for those enrolled in a community setting (any exceptions beyond this timeframe must be
The LTC program will use an Individualized Person-Centered Care Plan development process. The provision of the long-term care services in the LTC waiver will be guided by the creation and implementation of the individualized, person-centered care plan. The person-centered care plan is based on a comprehensive assessment that identifies an individual’s physical, functional, and psychosocial needs by assessing the individual’s health status, physical and cognitive functioning, environment, social supports, end-of-life decisions, and his or her desired outcomes and preferences (herein referred to as personal goals). The enrollee directs the person-centered planning process. The person-centered care plan fosters the participation of family members and others chosen by the individual, as appropriate, in the care planning and service delivery process. By identifying barriers and exploring potential solutions with the enrollee, the person-centered care plan attempts to enhance an individual’s independence and quality of life through community presence, choice, competence, respect, and community participation. Examples of personal goals that an enrollee may choose to focus on include (but, are not limited to):

- Deciding where and with whom to live.
- Making decisions regarding supports and services.
- Choosing what activities are important.
- Maintaining relationships with family and friends.
- Deciding how to spend each day.

Enrollee Information
Enrollees will be informed of the benefits and services available in the waiver through the enrollment packet that will be provided to each enrollee through the enrollment broker prior to implementation. The enrollment packet will provide a comparison of benefits between plans and the services available by each managed care plan. Upon enrollment, each plan will provide its members with an enrollee handbook that includes plan network information and services. Managed care plan network information will also be made available online and by contacting the enrollment broker’s call center. In addition, during the development of the enrollee’s plan of care, the long-term care managed care plan and/or case manager will inform the enrollee of the services available in the plan and work with the enrollee and/or the enrollee’s designated representative in developing a plan of care that best meets the enrollee’s long-term care needs.

The Comprehensive Assessment
Prior to developing the person-centered care plan, the case manager is required to conduct a comprehensive assessment. When developing the initial care plan, the case manager is not only required to complete an MCP-specific assessment, but is also expected to use the initial eligibility and level of care assessment conducted by the state via CARES assessors. The comprehensive assessment includes evaluations of the plan member's health status, physical and cognitive functioning, environment, social supports, end-of-life decisions, and personal goals, while also considering the enrollee’s medical history. Case managers are also required to assess the immediacy of the enrollee's service needs and personal goals.

The case manager is responsible for conducting the initial comprehensive assessment which guides the development of the person-centered care plan. Following an initial orientation, the case manager is required to contact the enrollee at least once a month by telephone, and visit the enrollee face-to-face once every 90 days, in addition to being available on a 24 hour basis, if needed. As a routine, the case manager and the plan member discuss, evaluate, and revise if necessary the plan of care monthly and during the 90-day face-to-face visits. Immediate and intermittent needs (including service needs or personal goals) may be addressed at any time when an enrollee contacts the LTC case manager. The case manager is also required to update the enrollee's person-centered care plan following a significant change in their health or functional status. Additionally, the case manager is responsible for authorizing the enrollee's services and coordinating their care on an ongoing basis.

Care Plan Development
To ensure that the care planning process is person-centered, the enrollee directs the care plan development process with the help of the case manager, his authorized representative, or any other individuals he would like included. The enrollee may invite anyone of his choosing (family members, authorized representatives, friends, etc.) to participate in his care planning process. This includes allowing the enrollee to help make decisions about service options and identification of personal goals. If none of these individuals are available for an enrollee, the state expects the case manager to solicit input from enrollee-approved individuals who are familiar with the enrollee’s care. When developing the care plan for all enrollees, LTC case managers are required to:

Assess the immediacy of the enrollee’s service needs and personal goals, and include a description of the
enrollee’s condition, as identified through an appropriate comprehensive assessment and a medical history review.

Recognize and support the enrollee’s self-care capabilities.

Identify any existing care plans and service providers and assess the adequacy of current services.

Ensure continuity of care by providing for continuous care to the new enrollee if the enrollee is receiving services and supports prior to the effective date of enrollment.

Ensure that the care plan contains information about the enrollee’s medical condition, the type of services to be furnished, the amount, frequency and duration of each service, and the type of provider to furnish each service (regardless of whether Medicaid is the primary payer source) for all enrollees whether they reside at home or in an assisted living facility.

Ensure that service interventions address identified problems, needs, and conditions.

Encourage integration of formal and informal supports including the development of an informal volunteer network of caregivers, family, neighbors, and others to assist the enrollee or primary caregiver with services. These services will be integrated into an enrollee’s care plan when it is determined through multi-disciplinary assessment and care planning that these services would improve the enrollee’s capability to live safely in the home or community setting and are agreed to and approved by the enrollee or the enrollee’s authorized representative.

Determine whether enrollees have advance directives, health care powers of attorney, do not resuscitate orders, or a legally appointed guardian. This information will become part of the enrollee’s case record and these orders and preferences will be integrated into the care coordination process. For enrollees who do not have advance directives or do not resuscitate orders, the case manager will discuss with the enrollee the importance of these documents and note the enrollee’s response in the case file.

Establish personal goals and engage in ongoing personal goal planning activities. Goals address the enrollee’s physical, functional, and psychosocial needs, and are built on the enrollee’s strengths. Goals are written to outline clear expectations about what is to be achieved through the service delivery and care coordination processes, and the care plan includes steps that the enrollee will take to achieve the goal.

Enrollee goals must:
Be measurable;
Specify a plan of action/interventions to be used to meet the goals;
Include a timeframe for the attainment of the desired outcome; and
Be reviewed at each 90-day face-to-face visit and progress must be documented in the enrollee’s case record.

Progress means information regarding whether interventions to achieve a goal were successful, potential barriers, changes that need to be made to the goal, changes that need to be made to the intervention, if the goal has been achieved, and the reasons for continuing the goal after it has been achieved (if it was a one-time goal). Personal goal planning activities are included in the care plan development process. Through these activities, the state ensures that the enrollee’s personal goals are incorporated into the care plan and that, in addition to meeting physical and functional needs, his psychosocial needs (including participation and integration with his community) are also met. This process is directed by the enrollee with the help of the case manager, any authorized representative, or any other individuals he would like included in the care planning process. The purpose of the personal goal planning process is to identify activities or interventions that promote the enrollee’s ability to participate in his community and that foster his independence and autonomy within his community. Examples of these types of activities could include arranging for transportation to the local senior center; arranging for a homemaker companion to visit an enrollee for a game of chess in his home twice a week; or helping an enrollee remember to call her daughter twice a week.

When developing or reviewing an enrollee’s care plan, the case manager and the enrollee will discuss the goals that the enrollee would like to accomplish to be integrated and connected to his community. This discussion shall
include identifying the goals and any barriers that exist to achieving those goals. The case manager will then work
with the enrollee, authorized representative, family members or others who care about the enrollee, all other home
and community-based service providers, and the ALF (for those enrollees residing in an ALF) to implement
interventions to overcome the identified barriers, and will follow up with the enrollee at least monthly to determine
the status of his goals. At every 90 day face-to-face visit, the case manager and enrollee will discuss the status of his
goals, and will again work to identify any new goals and barriers. As with all other care planning activities, all
identified goals, barriers, interventions, and status updates must be documented in the enrollee's case
record. Additionally, any discussions that the case manager has with the ALF or other service providers that
contribute to implementing an intervention must be documented in the case record.

Because case managers are also required to assess the immediacy of the enrollee's service needs and personal goals,
the enrollee may contact his case manager at any time during the month for any reason. If contacted, the case
manager will follow up with the enrollee regarding his inquiry or request in a timely manner. The community
integration goal setting process attempts to ensure that waiver enrollees remain integrated with their communities,
and that they maintain their independence and autonomy. Case managers are therefore expected to provide enrollees
with the tools to exercise their independence and to seek out community activities on their own if they so choose, as
well as to facilitate participation on behalf of enrollees who cannot do so for themselves.

Care Plan Implementation
LTC plan case managers are tasked with developing and implementing care plans using a person-centered approach.
The case manager is responsible for ensuring it is implemented appropriately. LTC managed care plan case
managers are the lead case managers for individuals receiving Medicaid services. As such, they are responsible for:

• Working with the enrollee to develop a plan of care that includes all services needed, regardless of payor source,
and that identifies the source of all resources needed to meet personal goals.

• Ensuring the requisite service authorizations are approved, regardless of payor source (e.g., commercial health
insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid medical).

• Assisting the enrollee to access services by helping to find providers, set appointments, arrange transportation, etc.

• Monitoring implementation of the plan of care through at least monthly contact to ensure that services are being
delivered as planned and are meeting the enrollee's needs.

• Adjusting the care plan as needed to accommodate changes in enrollee needs, goals, health status, etc.

Monitoring Activities by the State for the Care Planning Process
On an quarterly basis, state quality assurance (QA) clinical monitors review a random, representative sample of
current enrollee files for each LTC plan, organized by planning and service area. As part of this review, the QA
monitors evaluate the enrollee's care plans to ensure that the LTC case managers are performing the required care
planning activities, including the required elements in the care plan, and that those activities are being documented in
the case record by the case manager. For all deficiencies cited by the clinical monitors, upon receipt of the findings,
LTC plans have 15 business days to fix the deficiencies and submit accompanying documentation to the state, and to
submit a corrective action to the state detailing their ongoing actions to ensure future deficiencies do not occur. As
a part of the CAP submission, the LTC plans will be required to identify evidence-based practices that will yield
improved performance. During the remediation process, the MCO shall submit progress reports to the state with data
that demonstrates improvement.

The monitors will evaluate the following elements related to the care plan and care planning process:

• Whether the care plan includes documentation of interventions and services provided
to enrollee from all sources;

• Whether care plan services provided by the MCP and through informal supports meet the
enrollees assessed needs and personal goals and

• Whether the following events are documented in the case record:

  Orientation, including a discussion of the enrollee's appearance and demeanor,
  medical diagnoses, cognitive deficits, ADL and IADL deficits, the enrollee's
  environment, and how care plan needs are addressed;
Every 90 day face-to-face care plan review;

Monthly contact (telephone or face-to-face);

Updates on the enrollee's medical conditions, hospitalizations and placement in facilities;

Annual reviews including the documentation of the completion of the state assessment tool; and

Documentation of service receipt, and enrollee satisfaction with services and supports.

To better ensure that the MCPs case managers are conducting and properly documenting community integration goal planning activities, the state also requires the MCLTC MCPs to audit a random representative sample of currently enrolled enrollee's case records for the following elements specifically related to community integration goal planning activities:

- Identified barriers to achieving goals
- Identified interventions for overcoming barriers
- Identified timeframes for goal attainment
- Progress updates

Progress means information regarding whether interventions to achieve a goal were successful, potential barriers, changes that need to be made to the goal, changes that need to be made to the intervention, if the goal has been achieved, and the reasons for continuing the goal after it has been achieved (if it was a one-time goal).

On a quarterly basis, LTC plans are required to collect, aggregate and submit data regarding the above activities to the state for review. The state will use this data and the data obtained by the clinical monitors to determine if barriers exist across enrollee experience and if trends exist across particular settings and to resolve any issues revealed by the data.

Services included in the plan of care will be driven by the plan member's goals in conjunction with the initial assessment information provided by the CARES Unit, in consultation with the enrollee or representative and must be necessary to address all health and social service needs of the enrollee identified through the assessment. (42 CFR 438.208 (c) (3) and (c) (4))

The plan of care must be based on a comprehensive assessment of the enrollee's health status, physical and cognitive functioning, environment, social supports, and end-of-life decisions. The following minimum components must be included in the plan of care:

1. Enrollee's name,
2. Enrollee's Medicaid ID number,
3. Plan of care effective date,
4. Plan of care review date,
5. Services needed, including routine medical and waiver services,
6. Begin date and end date,
7. Providers,
8. Amount, frequency, and duration,
9. Case manager's signature and
10. Enrollee signature & date.

Each LTC plan will have the flexibility to design a plan of care form or system that includes these minimum components and is subject to the review and approval of the State.

The plan of care must clearly identify barriers to the plan member and caregivers, if applicable. The case manager must discuss barriers and explore potential solutions with the plan members, and caregivers when applicable. The
plan of care must detail all interventions designed to address specific barriers to independent functioning. The plan of care may include services provided through the plan member's own informal network or by volunteers from community social service agencies or other organizations. Primary caregivers, family, neighbors and other volunteers will be integrated into the plan member's plan of care when it is determined through multi-disciplinary assessment and care planning that these services would improve the enrollee's capability to live safely in the home setting and are agreed to by the enrollee.

The plan of care must be: (1) developed by the plan member's case manager in conjunction with the plan member participation and consultation with any providers caring for the plan member where appropriate; (2) approved by the LTC plan in a timely manner, if the LTC plan requires an approval; and (3) developed in accordance with any applicable State quality assurance and utilization review standards. Copies of the plan of care must be forwarded to the plan member's primary care provider and, if applicable, to the facility where the plan member resides within 10 days of development.

Revisions must be done in consultation with the enrollee, the caregiver, and when feasible, the primary care provider (PCP). If the primary care provider is not under contract with the LTC plan, an effort must be made by the case manager to obtain the PCP's input regarding plan of care revisions. Changes in service provision resulting from a plan of care review must be implemented within five business days of the review date.

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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.

As part of person-centered care planning the enrollee, their advocates, primary care provider and the case manager will develop a back-up plan congruent with the individual’s primary plan of care. Additionally, risk mitigating services are included as waiver services (e.g., nutritional needs assessment and home delivered meals). While enrollees retain the right to refuse to participate in developing a mitigation plan, the LTC plan is required to develop overall emergency back-up plans and the case manager is required to inform recipients of any risks identified and invite them to participate in developing a mitigation plan to address them. Aspects of this, such as alternate contacts in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, are automatically incorporated into the recipient’s service plan and communicated to enrollees by their case manager, and via the managed care plan’s written materials whether the enrollee engages or not. System-wide emergency back up plans are submitted by each LTC plan on an annual basis to the State. In addition, the plan of care development process includes the identification of procedures for enrollees to follow if service providers are unavailable or other emergent conditions arise.

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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.

Each LTC plan is required to develop printed and online provider network directories to assist enrollees in selecting from qualified providers. These directories are available to the enrollment broker. LTC plans also make trained staff available that can link enrollees to waiver providers in their area. Case managers are trained to provide unbiased information regarding qualified providers of waiver services to each enrollee. Enrollees are free to select among any available provider in the LTC plan's network. Prior to implementation, the network sufficiency of each LTC plan will be assessed to ensure that there is an adequate number of available waiver providers in the network.

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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):
The Agency and DOEA will monitor the plans through desk reviews on an annual basis. Annual monitoring will check the accuracy of the various plans’ reports and determine whether they are performing according the contractual obligations and the State’s performance measure set forth in the waiver application.

The Agency will require remediation of any issues discovered during these monitoring activities and will impose penalties and/or sanctions as appropriate.

The LTC plans shall ensure that the service plans are developed and updated timely. DOEA will have primary responsibility to conduct the case reviews. The Agency, will be responsible for making sure that a representative number of case reviews have been completed in a timely manner, and that any remediation has been adequately addressed.

To ensure a representative sample, parameters will be set for a specified time period at a 95% confidence level, a 5.0% margin of error and 50% response distribution, in order to draw a representative sample at the program level. This random sample will then be apportioned across the LTC plans so that the percent of the sample drawn randomly from each LTC plan matches the percent of the overall population served by that LTC. Proportionate random sampling ensures that all LTC plans are represented in the sample, and helps to minimize bias.

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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:

- Every three months or more frequently when necessary
- Every six months or more frequently when necessary
- Every twelve months or more frequently when necessary
- Other schedule

Specify the other schedule:

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):

- Medicaid agency
- Operating agency
- Case manager
- Other

Specify:

Many LTC plans that bid on the managed long term care contract have secure, centralized electronic case management systems that are the repository for all information about enrollees. If paper records are required, they are to be secured at the LTC plan’s/case manager’s local office. Case management records are maintained in secure filing cabinets and in HIPAA compliant electronic filing systems.

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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.
Desk reviews will be conducted by DOEA. The LTC plan will review the quality of care for its enrollees. DOEA will review a representative sample of care plans as part of the annual case record review on an annual basis. The Agency’s contract managers receive the results of care plan reviews for review and follow-up for any deficiencies.

DOEA conducts retrospective reviews of a representative sample of plans of care to ensure plans have been developed in accordance with applicable policies, ensure the health and welfare of enrollees, and are used to effectively deliver waiver services that are furnished in accordance with the plan on an annual basis.

b. Monitoring Safeguards. Select one:

- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility to monitor service plan implementation and participant health and welfare may not provide other direct waiver services to the participant.
- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility to monitor service plan implementation and participant health and welfare may provide other direct waiver services to the participant.

The State has established the following safeguards to ensure that monitoring is conducted in the best interests of the participant. Specify:

The State requires that responsibility for monitoring plan of care implementation and enrollee health and welfare within the plan be independent of any direct waiver services to avoid conflict of interest issues.

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Quality Improvement: Service Plan

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Service Plan Assurance/Sub-assurances

The state demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for reviewing the adequacy of service plans for waiver participants.

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. Sub-assurance: Service plans address all participants’ assessed needs (including health and safety risk factors) and personal goals, either by the provision of waiver services or through other means.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Percentage of enrollees with care plans that meet all assessed needs and risks and documents personal goal setting and community integration goal setting. N:
Number of enrollees with care plans that meet all assessed needs and risks and documents personal goal setting and community integration goal setting. D:
Number of records reviewed.

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**Performance Measure:**
Percentage of enrollees’ plans of care where enrollees’ participation is verified by signatures that are distributed within ten days of development to primary care physician. N: Number enrollees’ plans of care where enrollees’ participation is verified by signatures that are distributed within ten days of development to primary care physician. D: Number of enrollee records reviewed

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Percentage of enrollees' care plans reviewed on a face-to-face basis at least every three months and updated as appropriate. 

N: Number of enrollee records reviewed.

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Sub-assurance: Service plans are updated/revised at least annually or when warranted by changes in the waiver participant’s needs.

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Performance Measure: Number of enrollees’ care plans updated when needs change or at least annually.
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| d. Sub-assurance: Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan. |
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Performance Measure:
Percentage of enrollee services delivered according to the care plan as to service type, frequency, duration and scope. N: Number of enrollee services delivered according to the care plan as to service type, amount, frequency, duration and scope. D: Number of records reviewed.

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Sub-assurance: Participants are afforded choice: Between waiver services and institutional care; and between/among waiver services and providers.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.
b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems
   i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items. Goal setting and community integration goal setting must be documented in the plan member's care plan. If goal setting and community integration are not included in the plan member's care plan, the LTC plan must submit a corrective action plan to address the deficiency. DOEA verifies the implementation of the corrective action plan. If the LTC plan fails to implement the corrective action timely, the LTC plan is subject to sanctions.

   If the care plan/care plan summaries where member participation is not verified by the plan member or his or her authorized representative's signature, the LTC plan is not in compliance with the program contract. If the deficiency is discovered, the LTC contract manager will request the LTC plan to submit a corrective action plan to address the deficiency.

   Approved service plans must be updated at least annually. If the case record review determines a deficiency with the service plan update requirement, the LTC plan must submit a corrective action plan within 15 business days to address the deficiency. If the LTC plan fails to implement the corrective action plan, the contractor is subject to sanctions.

   LTC plans are required to review the enrollee's care plan following the reporting of a significant change and note this review in case notes. If the case record review determines a deficiency with the service plan update requirement, the LTC plan must submit a corrective action plan to address this deficiency. If the LTC plan fails to implement the corrective action plan, the contractor is subject to sanctions.

   Approved plan member services must be delivered according to service type, scope, amount, duration and frequency as detailed in the service plan. If the record review determines a deficiency with service delivery as detailed in the service plan, the LTC plan must submit a corrective action plan within 15 business days to address the deficiency.

   Program policy requires new plan members to choose their LTC plan or be mandatorily assigned. LTC plans receive a monthly report listing all plan members either choosing a LTC plan or being assigned to the LTC plan. If the record review determines a deficiency with the plan member case records, the LTC plan is required to submit a corrective action plan to DOEA to correct the deficiency. If the MCP does not implement the corrective action plan, the LTC plan is subject to sanctions.

   LTC plans must obtain a freedom of choice form from each new plan member indicating their choice of institutional or community-based services. The case record must contain a copy of the signed freedom of choice form. If the case record review reveals no freedom of choice forms in the case records, the LTC plan is out of compliance with the program contract. If the case record review uncovers missing freedom of choice forms, the LTC plan must submit a corrective action plan to address this deficiency. If the LTC plan fails to implement the corrective action plan timely, the plan is subject to sanctions.

   ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

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c. Timelines
When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Service Plans that are currently non-operational.

- No
- Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Service Plans, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

Applicability (from Application Section 3, Components of the Waiver Request):

- Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. Complete the remainder of the Appendix.
- No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. Do not complete the remainder of the Appendix.

CMS urges states to afford all waiver participants the opportunity to direct their services. Participant direction of services includes the participant exercising decision-making authority over workers who provide services, a participant-managed budget or both. CMS will confer the Independence Plus designation when the waiver evidences a strong commitment to participant direction.

Indicate whether Independence Plus designation is requested (select one):

- Yes. The State requests that this waiver be considered for Independence Plus designation.
- No. Independence Plus designation is not requested.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (1 of 13)

a. Description of Participant Direction. In no more than two pages, provide an overview of the opportunities for participant direction in the waiver, including: (a) the nature of the opportunities afforded to participants; (b) how participants may take advantage of these opportunities; (c) the entities that support individuals who direct their services and the supports that they provide; and, (d) other relevant information about the waiver's approach to participant direction.

Participant direction is offered to all enrollees who live in their own personal home or the home of a family member and who have a participant direction eligible service on their authorized care plan. Enrollees wishing to participate in participant direction, but who do not have the capacity to manage services may choose a representative willing to take on these duties. Individuals enrolling in the waiver are presented with information about participant direction both as part of the enrollment broker process and during the care planning process. The State expects 10% of the population will choose participant direction, based on enrollment in the State’s Consumer-Directed Care Plus...
Participant direction is offered for five of the waiver services: adult companion, homemaker, attendant care, intermittent and skilled nursing, and personal care. The participant is responsible for training direct service workers, setting hours during which services will be provided, and submitting timesheets to the managed care plan.

Supports for the enrollee are offered in the form of a case manager, who trains, or arranges for training, in all aspects of the participant direction process. The plan is responsible for Fiscal/Employer Agent (F/EA) functions and must process, file, and pay all state and federal taxes on behalf of participants and their direct service workers. The LTC Plan must operate as a Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent (F/EA) or subcontract this function. The F/EA is required by contract to operate in accordance with Section 3504 of the Internal Revenue Code, per Revenue Procedure 70-6 and Section 3504 Agent Employment Tax Liability proposed regulations (REG-137036-08) issued by the IRS on January 13, 2010. The F/EA must meet all applicable PDO-related Federal and State requirements. These requirements were assessed as part of the Plan Readiness Review by the State prior to providing PDO services to recipients. Also, ongoing monitoring of all plans and their approved subcontractors will ensure these requirements are maintained.

Enrollees may also choose a representative to handle participant direction responsibilities. Potential conflict of interest is mitigated by prohibiting the representative from also serving as a paid caregiver for the enrollee they represent.

The waiver does not require participant direction in order to receive services from the program. An enrollee who chooses participant direction may choose to terminate it at any time and will be assisted by the case manager to transition to provider managed services without any lapse in service. In specified circumstances (i.e., a representative is necessary for participation but is not available or consumer health or safety at risk), an enrollee may be involuntarily disenrolled from participant direction. In such a case, the enrollee’s case manager will be responsible for ensuring transition to provider managed services.

**Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services**

**E-1: Overview (2 of 13)**

b. **Participant Direction Opportunities.** Specify the participant direction opportunities that are available in the waiver. 

Select one:

- **Participant: Employer Authority.** As specified in *Appendix E-2, Item a*, the participant (or the participant's representative) has decision-making authority over workers who provide waiver services. The participant may function as the common law employer or the co-employer of workers. Supports and protections are available for participants who exercise this authority.

- **Participant: Budget Authority.** As specified in *Appendix E-2, Item b*, the participant (or the participant's representative) has decision-making authority over a budget for waiver services. Supports and protections are available for participants who have authority over a budget.

- **Both Authorities.** The waiver provides for both participant direction opportunities as specified in *Appendix E-2*. Supports and protections are available for participants who exercise these authorities.

c. **Availability of Participant Direction by Type of Living Arrangement.** Check each that applies:

- Participant direction opportunities are available to participants who live in their own private residence or the home of a family member.
- Participant direction opportunities are available to individuals who reside in other living arrangements where services (regardless of funding source) are furnished to fewer than four persons unrelated to the proprietor.

Specify these living arrangements:
Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (3 of 13)

d. Election of Participant Direction. Election of participant direction is subject to the following policy (select one):

- Waiver is designed to support only individuals who want to direct their services.
- The waiver is designed to afford every participant (or the participant's representative) the opportunity to elect to direct waiver services. Alternate service delivery methods are available for participants who decide not to direct their services.
- The waiver is designed to offer participants (or their representatives) the opportunity to direct some or all of their services, subject to the following criteria specified by the State. Alternate service delivery methods are available for participants who decide not to direct their services or do not meet the criteria.

Specify the criteria

Any enrollee wishing to participate in participant direction and their chosen representative, if applicable, must first complete the PDO Pre-Screening Tool with the case manager. The enrollee and representative, if applicable, must also complete participant direction training and submit accurately completed documents to the managed care plan.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (4 of 13)

e. Information Furnished to Participant. Specify: (a) the information about participant direction opportunities (e.g., the benefits of participant direction, participant responsibilities, and potential liabilities) that is provided to the participant (or the participant's representative) to inform decision-making concerning the election of participant direction; (b) the entity or entities responsible for furnishing this information; and, (c) how and when this information is provided on a timely basis.

Information about participant direction opportunities, including the benefits, responsibilities, and potential liabilities of participant-direction, will be provided to enrollees at various times. For both individuals gaining eligibility for HCBS at the same time as Medicaid and those already Medicaid eligible, this information will be presented by the case manager during the care planning process.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (5 of 13)

f. Participant Direction by a Representative. Specify the State's policy concerning the direction of waiver services by a representative (select one):

- The State does not provide for the direction of waiver services by a representative.
- The State provides for the direction of waiver services by representatives.

Specify the representatives who may direct waiver services: (check each that applies):

- Waiver services may be directed by a legal representative of the participant.
- Waiver services may be directed by a non-legal representative freely chosen by an adult participant.

Specify the policies that apply regarding the direction of waiver services by participant-appointed representatives, including safeguards to ensure that the representative functions in the best interest of the participant:

Process for appointment of a representative: The enrollee must indicate to the case manager that he or she wishes to choose a representative to manage the Participant Direction Option (PDO). The potential
representative will meet with the case manager to complete a PDO pre-assessment tool, which will be used to inform the prospective representative of all responsibilities and also provide critical thinking exercises for the prospective representative to determine if he or she is willing and able to manage all the enrollee's responsibilities under the PDO. Each prospective representative will be Level 2 background screened to ensure that there are no disqualifying offenses as per Chapter 435 and section 408.809, F.S. The participant-chosen representative must sign a Representative Agreement indicating the willingness to manage the PDO responsibilities on behalf of the participant.

Once appointed, the representative can hire and fire workers and sign worker timesheets.

Safeguards: The representative may not be paid to act as the representative or be a paid provider of the enrollee's waiver services. The enrollee may change representatives at any time by notifying the case manager. The case manager remains involved as part of the enrollee's care team and continues to facilitate the care planning process and maintain regular contact with the enrollee. This provides oversight of the representative to ensure there is not an abuse of authority. There is also monitoring of the representative’s responsibilities by the managed care plan, and the State.

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g. Participant-Directed Services. Specify the participant direction opportunity (or opportunities) available for each waiver service that is specified as participant-directed in Appendix C-1/C-3.

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h. Financial Management Services. Except in certain circumstances, financial management services are mandatory and integral to participant direction. A governmental entity and/or another third-party entity must perform necessary financial transactions on behalf of the waiver participant. Select one:

- Yes. Financial Management Services are furnished through a third party entity. *(Complete item E-1-i).*
  
  Specify whether governmental and/or private entities furnish these services. *Check each that applies:*

  - Governmental entities
  - Private entities ✓

- No. Financial Management Services are not furnished. Standard Medicaid payment mechanisms are used.
  
  *Do not complete Item E-1-i.*

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i. Provision of Financial Management Services. Financial management services (FMS) may be furnished as a waiver service or as an administrative activity. Select one:

- FMS are covered as the waiver service specified in Appendix C-1/C-3
The waiver service entitled:

- FMS are provided as an administrative activity.

Provide the following information

i. **Types of Entities:** Specify the types of entities that furnish FMS and the method of procuring these services:

   The LTC plans may contract with qualified entities to furnish FMS.

ii. **Payment for FMS.** Specify how FMS entities are compensated for the administrative activities that they perform:

   LTC plans compensate FMS entities for the activities they perform, if they subcontract this function.

iii. **Scope of FMS.** Specify the scope of the supports that FMS entities provide *(check each that applies):*

   - **Supports furnished when the participant is the employer of direct support workers:**
     - [ ] Assist participant in verifying support worker citizenship status
     - [ ] Collect and process timesheets of support workers
     - [ ] Process payroll, withholding, filing and payment of applicable federal, state and local employment-related taxes and insurance
     - [ ] Other

     *Specify:

     The FMS agency will assume responsibility for verifying and reviewing the results of background screening.*

   - **Supports furnished when the participant exercises budget authority:**
     - [ ] Maintain a separate account for each participant's participant-directed budget
     - [ ] Track and report participant funds, disbursements and the balance of participant funds
     - [ ] Process and pay invoices for goods and services approved in the service plan
     - [ ] Provide participant with periodic reports of expenditures and the status of the participant-directed budget
     - [ ] Other services and supports

     *Specify:

   - **Additional functions/activities:**
     - [ ] Execute and hold Medicaid provider agreements as authorized under a written agreement with the Medicaid agency
     - [ ] Receive and disburse funds for the payment of participant-directed services under an agreement with the Medicaid agency or operating agency
     - [ ] Provide other entities specified by the State with periodic reports of expenditures and the status of the participant-directed budget
     - [ ] Other

     *Specify:
iv. **Oversight of FMS Entities.** Specify the methods that are employed to: (a) monitor and assess the performance of FMS entities, including ensuring the integrity of the financial transactions that they perform; (b) the entity (or entities) responsible for this monitoring; and, (c) how frequently performance is assessed.

The State conducts on-site monitoring of the plan on an annual basis or more frequently as needed. The plan submits encounter data to the State that details utilization of participant directed services and FMS. The plan is responsible for monitoring all sub-contracted FMS entities, if applicable, to ensure the integrity of the financial transactions they perform. Through the retrospective review of service plans and paid timesheet records, the State ensures that plans of care have been developed in accordance with applicable policies and that both FMS and participant directed waiver services are furnished in accordance with the plans of care.

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**j. Information and Assistance in Support of Participant Direction.** In addition to financial management services, participant direction is facilitated when information and assistance are available to support participants in managing their services. These supports may be furnished by one or more entities, provided that there is no duplication. Specify the payment authority (or authorities) under which these supports are furnished and, where required, provide the additional information requested (check each that applies):

- **Case Management Activity.** Information and assistance in support of participant direction are furnished as an element of Medicaid case management services.

  *Specify in detail the information and assistance that are furnished through case management for each participant direction opportunity under the waiver:*

  Case managers provide this function for enrollees. Case managers assist enrollees in gaining access to needed waiver and other State plan services, as well as other needed medical, social, and educational services, regardless of the funding source. Case management services contribute to the coordination and integration of care delivery through the ongoing monitoring of service provisions as prescribed in each enrollee plan of care. For enrollees choosing participant direction, the case manager is responsible for assisting the enrollee, by arranging for training and through ongoing support, with the following duties: recruiting workers; ensuring that worker qualifications are verified and criminal background check completed; defining additional qualifications and duties within the scope of waiver definitions to meet the enrollee's specific needs; scheduling workers; training workers; supervising workers; evaluating worker performance; verifying time worked and timesheets; and, if necessary, dismissing workers and arranging for implementation of the Emergency Back-up Plan.

- **Waiver Service Coverage.** Information and assistance in support of participant direction are provided through the following waiver service coverage(s) specified in Appendix C-1/C-3 (check each that applies):

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Medical Equipment and Supplies | ☐
Intermittent and Skilled Nursing | ☐
Respiratory Therapy | ☐
Medication Management | ☐
Nutritional Assessment and Risk Reduction | ☐
Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) (Maintenance) | ☐
Attendant Care | ☐
Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) (Installation) | ☐
Adult Day Health Care | ☐
Case Management | ☐
Adult Companion | ☐
Assisted Living | ☐
Transportation | ☐

☐ **Administrative Activity.** Information and assistance in support of participant direction are furnished as an administrative activity.

Specify (a) the types of entities that furnish these supports; (b) how the supports are procured and compensated; (c) describe in detail the supports that are furnished for each participant direction opportunity under the waiver; (d) the methods and frequency of assessing the performance of the entities that furnish these supports; and, (e) the entity or entities responsible for assessing performance:

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k. **Independent Advocacy (select one).**

- ☐ No. Arrangements have not been made for independent advocacy.
- ☐ Yes. Independent advocacy is available to participants who direct their services.

*Describe the nature of this independent advocacy and how participants may access this advocacy:*

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l. **Voluntary Termination of Participant Direction.** Describe how the State accommodates a participant who voluntarily terminates participant direction in order to receive services through an alternate service delivery method, including how the State assures continuity of services and participant health and welfare during the transition from participant direction:
An enrollee may voluntarily terminate participant direction at any time. The enrollee will work with his or her case manager to find providers for the services within the LTC plan's network as Emergency Back-up providers. Since the LTC plan is required to maintain a full network of service providers at all times and the Emergency Back-up Plan is updated annually, providers will be available to serve the enrollee in a timely manner. The care manager will work with the participant directed providers and the network providers to develop a transition plan so that continuity of care is assured and there is no lapse in services.

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m. Involuntary Termination of Participant Direction. Specify the circumstances when the State will involuntarily terminate the use of participant direction and require the participant to receive provider-managed services instead, including how continuity of services and participant health and welfare is assured during the transition.

The State may involuntarily terminate the use of participant direction under certain circumstances. The State will review the documentation and make a determination of whether to terminate upon recommendation by the LTC plan. The LTC plan may not terminate participation without prior approval by the State.

The State may involuntarily terminate participant direction for the following reasons:

• Enrollee health or safety is at risk;
• Enrollee is unable to employ or manage workers;
• Enrollee is admitted to a long-term care facility;
• Enrollee moves out of the State;
• Enrollee loses Medicaid eligibility;
• Enrollee fails to choose a representative, when needed; or
• Enrollee submits inaccurate time sheets to the managed care plan.

If the enrollee is not able to employ or manage workers, or if they submit inaccurate time sheets, the LTC plan and the State will require the enrollee choose a representative if they do not have one. If the enrollee already has a representative and is unable to meet all necessary criteria for participant direction, the State and the LTC plan will require them to choose a different representative. If the enrollee refuses to choose a representative, the managed care plan and the State will involuntarily terminate them from the participant directed option.

If the enrollee is terminated from the participant directed option, then they must transition back to utilizing home and community-based waiver services from the managed care plan’s network of service providers. The case manager is central to assisting the enrollee to implement their Emergency Back-up Plan, and to ensuring there is no interruption in services.

All enrollees choosing the participant directed option will have an emergency back-up plan in place which is developed in coordination with the case manager. Providers identified for the backup plan are chosen from the currently enrolled home and community-based waiver service providers available to all enrollees from the managed care plan’s network provider list. The use of service providers that are currently enrolled in the plan network will assure quick access and prevent a gap in service delivery during the transition from participant-direction to traditional home and community based services delivery.

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n. Goals for Participant Direction. In the following table, provide the State's goals for each year that the waiver is in effect for the unduplicated number of waiver participants who are expected to elect each applicable participant direction opportunity. Annually, the State will report to CMS the number of participants who elect to direct their waiver services.

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#### E-2: Opportunities for Participant Direction (1 of 6)

**a. Participant - Employer Authority** Complete when the waiver offers the employer authority opportunity as indicated in Item E-1-b:

**i. Participant Employer Status.** Specify the participant's employer status under the waiver. *Select one or both:*

- **Participant/Co-Employer.** The participant (or the participant's representative) functions as the co-employer (managing employer) of workers who provide waiver services. An agency is the common law employer of participant-selected/recruited staff and performs necessary payroll and human resources functions. Supports are available to assist the participant in conducting employer-related functions.

Specify the types of agencies (a.k.a., agencies with choice) that serve as co-employers of participant-selected staff:

- **Participant/Common Law Employer.** The participant (or the participant's representative) is the common law employer of workers who provide waiver services. An IRS-approved Fiscal/Employer Agent functions as the participant's agent in performing payroll and other employer responsibilities that are required by federal and state law. Supports are available to assist the participant in conducting employer-related functions.

**ii. Participant Decision Making Authority.** The participant (or the participant's representative) has decision making authority over workers who provide waiver services. *Select one or more decision making authorities that participants exercise:*

- **Recruit staff**
- **Refer staff to agency for hiring (co-employer)**
- **Select staff from worker registry**
- **Hire staff common law employer**
- **Verify staff qualifications**
- **Obtain criminal history and/or background investigation of staff**

Specify how the costs of such investigations are compensated:

Plans are required to pay for the cost of background screenings for 1 provider per eligible service per year (up to 5 services) and for the representative (if appointed). If an enrollee hires multiple providers for 1 service, the excess providers are responsible for paying for the background screening.

- **Specify additional staff qualifications based on participant needs and preferences so long as such qualifications are consistent with the qualifications specified in Appendix C-1/C-3.**
- **Determine staff duties consistent with the service specifications in Appendix C-1/C-3.**

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Determine staff wages and benefits subject to State limits
✓ Schedule staff
✓ Orient and instruct staff in duties
✓ Supervise staff
✓ Evaluate staff performance
✓ Verify time worked by staff and approve time sheets
✓ Discharge staff (common law employer)
✓ Discharge staff from providing services (co-employer)
☐ Other

Specify:

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E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (2 of 6)

b. Participant - Budget Authority Complete when the waiver offers the budget authority opportunity as indicated in Item E-1-b:

Answers provided in Appendix E-1-b indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

i. Participant Decision Making Authority. When the participant has budget authority, indicate the decision-making authority that the participant may exercise over the budget. Select one or more:

☐ Reallocate funds among services included in the budget
☐ Determine the amount paid for services within the State's established limits
☐ Substitute service providers
☐ Schedule the provision of services
☐ Specify additional service provider qualifications consistent with the qualifications specified in Appendix C-1/C-3
☐ Specify how services are provided, consistent with the service specifications contained in Appendix C-1/C-3
☐ Identify service providers and refer for provider enrollment
☐ Authorize payment for waiver goods and services
☐ Review and approve provider invoices for services rendered
☐ Other

Specify:

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E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (3 of 6)

b. Participant - Budget Authority

Answers provided in Appendix E-1-b indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

ii. Participant-Directed Budget Describe in detail the method(s) that are used to establish the amount of the participant-directed budget for waiver goods and services over which the participant has authority, including
how the method makes use of reliable cost estimating information and is applied consistently to each participant. Information about these method(s) must be made publicly available.

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E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (4 of 6)

b. Participant - Budget Authority

Answers provided in Appendix E-1-b indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

iii. Informing Participant of Budget Amount. Describe how the State informs each participant of the amount of the participant-directed budget and the procedures by which the participant may request an adjustment in the budget amount.

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E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction (5 of 6)

b. Participant - Budget Authority

Answers provided in Appendix E-1-b indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

iv. Participant Exercise of Budget Flexibility. Select one:

○ Modifications to the participant directed budget must be preceded by a change in the service plan.

○ The participant has the authority to modify the services included in the participant directed budget without prior approval.

Specify how changes in the participant-directed budget are documented, including updating the service plan. When prior review of changes is required in certain circumstances, describe the circumstances and specify the entity that reviews the proposed change:

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b. Participant - Budget Authority

Answers provided in Appendix E-1-b indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

v. Expenditure Safeguards. Describe the safeguards that have been established for the timely prevention of the premature depletion of the participant-directed budget or to address potential service delivery problems that may be associated with budget underutilization and the entity (or entities) responsible for implementing these safeguards:
Appendix F: Participant Rights

Appendix F-1: Opportunity to Request a Fair Hearing

The State provides an opportunity to request a Fair Hearing under 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart E to individuals: (a) who are not given the choice of home and community-based services as an alternative to the institutional care specified in Item 1-F of the request; (b) are denied the service(s) of their choice or the provider(s) of their choice; or, (c) whose services are denied, suspended, reduced or terminated. The State provides notice of action as required in 42 CFR 431.210.

Procedures for Offering Opportunity to Request a Fair Hearing. Describe how the individual (or his/her legal representative) is informed of the opportunity to request a fair hearing under 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart E. Specify the notice(s) that are used to offer individuals the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing. State laws, regulations, policies and notices referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the operating or Medicaid agency.

The State provides Fair Hearings under 42 CFR Part 431 subpart E, 42 CFR 438.400(a)(I) and 42 CFR 438.404. The Fair Hearing policy and process is detailed in Rule 65-2.042, F.A.C. Each enrollee is informed of his or her right to a Fair Hearing when action has been taken regarding his/her Medicaid eligibility or services are denied, terminated, reduced, or suspended. Actions related to decisions regarding Medicaid eligibility include determinations an applicant does or does not meet Medicaid financial, clinical, or technical criteria or failure to act in a timely manner for eligibility determination. The individual receives from the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) a Notice of Case Action (HRS-AA Form 2266) which contains the following statement: "If you have reason to believe this action is incorrect, your eligibility specialist will be glad to discuss it with you. You also have the right to request a hearing before a State Hearing Officer. A request for a hearing should be made within 90 days from the date at the top of this notice. You can bring with you or be represented at the hearing by a lawyer, relative, or person designated by you."

In accordance with 42 CPR 438.402, all LTC plans are required to develop an internal grievance system, including appeal and grievance processes, which shall state that the enrollee has the right to request a Fair Hearing at any time, in addition to pursing the contractor's grievance process. Parties to the Fair Hearing include the LTC plan as well as the enrollee and his or her representative or the representative of a deceased enrollee's estate. Since this waiver was authorized under Section 1915(B)(4)a plan member may not challenge his plan assignment after the expiration of the initial choice period and the secondary 90 day period to select another LTC plan. When a plan member has changed his initial LTC plan within the 90 days provided for another selection and a second 90 days has expired, the plan member must remain with the selected LTC plan unless the plan member can satisfy one of the extraordinary reasons listed in the LTC contract and member and member handbook.

When the State proposes to alter a recipient’s Medicaid eligibility or entitlements, the recipient receives a notice detailing the planned changes and their right to a Fair Hearing, and the Fair Hearing process including provision that services will continue unabated until a final adjudication is made. The case manager is required to notify enrollees of any adverse decisions and the Fair Hearing process which includes the continuation of services through the appeals process. Additionally, enrollee materials (for example, the managed care plan’s enrollment welcome package), will contain this information. The managed care plan is also required to notify enrollees of any adverse decisions by mail and provide Fair Hearing informational materials. Copies of these notices are kept in the enrollee's case file. All enrollee grievances shall be reported to the State on a monthly basis.

Fair Hearings may be requested verbally or in writing. No specific form is required. To request a Fair Hearing, individuals are directed to contact:

Office of Appeal Hearings, Department of Children and Families
(The telephone number for the local DCF office is included on the notice.)

Fair Hearings are conducted by the Office of Appeal Hearings, Department of Children and Families.

In addition, procedural steps for requesting a Fair Hearing must be clearly specified in the member handbook for enrollees and the provider manual for providers and must be shared with enrollees upon enrollment and providers upon entrance into a provider subcontract.
Appendix F: Participant-Right

Appendix F-2: Additional Dispute Resolution Process

a. **Availability of Additional Dispute Resolution Process.** Indicate whether the State operates another dispute resolution process that offers participants the opportunity to appeal decisions that adversely affect their services while preserving their right to a Fair Hearing. **Select one:**

- [ ] No. This Appendix does not apply
- [ ] Yes. The State operates an additional dispute resolution process

b. **Description of Additional Dispute Resolution Process.** Describe the additional dispute resolution process, including: (a) the State agency that operates the process; (b) the nature of the process (i.e., procedures and timeframes), including the types of disputes addressed through the process; and, (c) how the right to a Medicaid Fair Hearing is preserved when a participant elects to make use of the process: State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the operating or Medicaid agency.

Appendix F: Participant-Right

Appendix F-3: State Grievance/Complaint System

a. **Operation of Grievance/Complaint System.** **Select one:**

- [ ] No. This Appendix does not apply
- [ ] Yes. The State operates a grievance/complaint system that affords participants the opportunity to register grievances or complaints concerning the provision of services under this waiver

b. **Operational Responsibility.** Specify the State agency that is responsible for the operation of the grievance/complaint system:

   The Agency maintains an enrollee and provider complaint hub. LTC enrollees and providers access the complaint hub through the Agency web site or a toll free telephone number. Complaints are reviewed and resolved by Agency staff. Hub metrics are maintained by Agency and reviewed periodically.

   The Agency under Chapter 408.7056, F. S., developed the Subscriber Assistance Program to provide assistance to enrollees, including those grievances that are not resolved by the managed care entity to the satisfaction of the enrollees.

c. **Description of System.** Describe the grievance/complaint system, including: (a) the types of grievances/complaints that participants may register; (b) the process and timelines for addressing grievances/complaints; and, (c) the mechanisms that are used to resolve grievances/complaints. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

   (A) LTC enrollees and providers may submit any type of service or provider related complaint. Service providers may also submit any type of service authorization or payment complaint to the Complaint Hub.

   The Subscriber Assistance Program will hear every grievance filed by subscribers on behalf of subscribers unless the grievance: (a) relates to a managed care entity’s refusal to accept a provider into its network of providers; (b) is part of an internal grievance in a Medicare managed care entity or a reconsideration appeal through the Medicare appeals process which does not involve a quality of care issue; (c) is related to a health plan not regulated by the state such as an administrative services organization, third-party administrator, or federal employee health benefit program; (d) is related to appeals by in-plan suppliers and providers, unless related to quality of care provided by the plan; (e) is part of a Medicaid fair hearing pursued under 42 C.F.R. ss. 431.220; (f) is the basis for an action pending in state or federal court; (g) is related to an appeal by nonparticipating providers, unless related to the quality of care provided to a subscriber by the managed care entity and the provider is involved in the care provided to the subscriber; (h) was filed before the subscriber completed the entire internal grievance procedure of the
managed care entity, the managed care entity has complied with its timeframes for completing the internal grievance procedure; (i) Has been resolved to the satisfaction of the subscriber who filed the grievance, unless the managed care entity’s initial action is egregious or may be indicative of a pattern of inappropriate behavior; (j) Is limited to seeking damages for pain and suffering, lost wages, or other incidental expenses, including accrued interest on unpaid balances, court costs, and transportation costs associated with a grievance procedure; (k) Is limited to issues involving conduct of a health care provider or facility, staff member, or employee of a managed care entity which constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the appropriate professional licensing board; or (l) Is withdrawn by the subscriber.

(B) For the Complaint Hub, enrollees and providers access the Agency website, complete an on-line complaint form, and submit the electronic complaint to the Agency.

For the Subscriber's Assistance Program, subscribers submit their grievance by accessing the Agency website, obtaining the electronic form, completing the Request for Review and Release of Health Care Information form and mailing it to the Subscriber's Assistance Program at the Agency.

(C) Complaint Hub staff contact Agency units responsible for the complaint area and seek direction on the resolution of the complaint or if necessary, Agency subject matter specialist are contacted to resolve the complaint. Service provider complaints are usually resolved through contacting the LTC plan involved about the complaint.

For the Subscriber Assistance Program after the written recommendation is issued, the affected managed care entity, enrollee, or provider may within 10 days after receipt of the panel's recommendation or 72 hours after receipt of a recommendation in an expedited grievance furnish the Agency written evidence in opposition to the recommendation or findings of fact. Within 30 days after the issuance of the panel's recommendation or for an expedited grievance within 10 days, the Agency may adopt the panel's recommendation or findings of fact in a proposed order.

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-1: Response to Critical Events or Incidents

a. Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process. Indicate whether the State operates Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process that enables the State to collect information on sentinel events occurring in the waiver program. Select one:

- Yes. The State operates a Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process (complete Items b through e)
- No. This Appendix does not apply (do not complete Items b through e)

If the State does not operate a Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process, describe the process that the State uses to elicit information on the health and welfare of individuals served through the program.

b. State Critical Event or Incident Reporting Requirements. Specify the types of critical events or incidents (including alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation) that the State requires to be reported for review and follow-up action by an appropriate authority, the individuals and/or entities that are required to report such events and incidents and the timelines for reporting. State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) receives reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults through its management of the statewide abuse reporting hotline. DCF responds to critical events or incidents through referrals to the Adult Protective Services program or local law enforcement for investigation as required by Chapter 415, F.S. Plans are required to report critical incidents related to enrollees to AHCA. Managed care plan contracts and subcontracts specify incident reporting format, requirements, processes and timeframes for responding to critical events or incidents, including conducting investigations. Through the State's ongoing monitoring activities, plans' adherence to these requirements will be monitored and observed for any necessary remediation.
Provider(s) must report critical incidents to the long-term care plan within 24 hours of the incident. The long-term care plan shall report suspected abuse, neglect and exploitation of participants to the Agency immediately. The long-term care plan shall report to the Agency, any death and any adverse incident that could impact the health or safety of an enrollee (e.g., physical or sexual abuse) within 24 hours of detection or notification. A Critical Incident Report shall be reported in written form via email. A Critical Incident Report Summary shall be reported monthly and aggregated quarterly and annually in written form via email. Timeframes and reporting formats will be the same for each LTC managed care plan.

Critical incidents include:
Death by suicide, homicide, abuse/neglect or that is otherwise unexpected
Injury or major illness as a result of care provider
Sexual battery
Medication errors
Suicide attempts
Altercations requiring medical intervention
Elopement

c. Participant Training and Education. Describe how training and/or information is provided to participants (and/or families or legal representatives, as appropriate) concerning protections from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including how participants (and/or families or legal representatives, as appropriate) can notify appropriate authorities or entities when the participant may have experienced abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Managed care plans are required to submit reports to AHCA regarding critical incidents affecting enrollees, including allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. In addition, plans or their subcontractors must include educational information in enrollee materials on the various types of abuse and available reporting mechanisms. This may include the posting of information on how to report allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation to Florida's toll-free abuse reporting hotline operated by the Department of Children and Families. (1-800-96-ABUSE). Plans or their subcontractors are also required to train direct care staff to report incidents of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

d. Responsibility for Review of and Response to Critical Events or Incidents. Specify the entity (or entities) that receives reports of critical events or incidents specified in item G-1-a, the methods that are employed to evaluate such reports, and the processes and time-frames for responding to critical events or incidents, including conducting investigations.

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Managed care plan providers are required to report critical incidents related to enrollees to AHCA. Plan contracts and subcontracts specify incident reporting formats and requirements, as well as processes and timeframes for responding to critical events or incidents, including conducting investigations. Through the State's ongoing monitoring activities, plans' adherence to these requirements will be monitored and observed for any necessary remediation.

Critical Incident reports are evaluated as follows:
• The managed care plan shall identify and track critical incidents and review and analyze critical incidents to identify and address/eliminate potential and actual quality of care and/or health and safety issues. If the managed care plan fails to comply with this requirement, the Agency will require corrective action within time frames that are based upon the severity of the deficiency. If the managed care plan fails to implement the corrective action timely, the plan is subject to sanctions ranging from enrollment suspension to larger on site case file reviews.

• Adverse incidents involving suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation issues are reported to the Department of Children and Family’s Adult Protective Services (APS) for investigation and resolution. The managed care plan must assist as necessary to address health and safety issues. If the managed care plan fails to comply, sanctions ranging from enrollment suspension to contract termination may be assessed.

• If APS reports are not investigated within 24 hours, DOEA contacts the APS office for an explanation for the delay. Unexplained delays are reported to APS management. If the APS delays are not timely corrected the Agency
will report the unexplained delay to the Department of Children and Families management division responsible for the APS program.

AHCA must submit a report annually to the Florida Legislature on ALF adverse incidents by category of types of incidents, the type of staff involved, types of liability claims filed, and disciplinary action taken against staff. Incidents that relate to persons licensed under Chapter 458, Chapter 459, Chapter 461, or Chapter 465 of the Florida Statutes are reviewed by AHCA to determine whether any of the incidents involved the conduct of a health professional who is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with 456.037, F.S. AHCA may investigate, as it deems appropriate, any such incident and prescribe measures that must be taken in response.

e. Responsibility for Oversight of Critical Incidents and Events. Identify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the reporting of and response to critical incidents or events that affect waiver participants, how this oversight is conducted, and how frequently.

AHCA is responsible for overseeing the reporting of and response to critical incidents or events that affect enrollees. In addition, the Department of Children and Families and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement are responsible for overseeing the reporting of and response to critical incidents or events for all Floridians, including managed care plan enrollees.

The Agency will collaborate with the Department of Children and Families – Adult Protective Services and other State agencies. The Agency will foster increased oversight of the long-term care managed care plans and providers regarding critical incidents and other health, safety and welfare sub-assurances required for the successful operation of the long-term care waiver program. The State has developed performance measures for capturing and reporting critical incidents. These performance measures may be found in Appendix G (Quality Improvement) of the waiver application.

Furthermore, the State’s long-term care managed care contract requires health, safety, and welfare issues be reported to the Agency by the plan within 24 hours. If the managed care plan fails to comply with this contract requirement, the State will require corrective action within time frames that are based upon the severity of the deficiency. If the managed care plan fails to implement the corrective action timely, the managed care plan is subject to sanctions ranging from enrollment suspension to increased on-site case file reviews. The managed care plan must ensure enrollees involved with the reported health, safety and welfare issues are contacted and necessary services are provided to address the problem. Adverse incidents involving suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation issues are reported to Adult Protective Services (APS) for investigation and resolution. Managed care plans must assist as necessary with services to address the health, safety and welfare issues. If the managed care plan fails to comply with the reporting requirement and assistance with enrollee services, sanctions ranging from enrollment suspension to contract termination may be assessed.

If Adult Protective Service (APS) reports are not investigated within 24 hours, DOEA will contact the APS office for an explanation for the delay. Unexplained delays will be reported to APS management. Enrollees will be monitored for service provision and health and safety issues. The managed care plans must assist with services necessary to address health, safety and welfare needs as well as plan of care services. If the APS delays are not corrected timely, the Agency will report the unexplained delays to Department of Children and Families Division management responsible for the APS program. For APS reports that are not investigated, the Agency will request from the Department of Children and Families management an explanation of the decision to not investigate the report.

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions

(1 of 3)

a. Use of Restraints. (Select one): (For waiver actions submitted before March 2014, responses in Appendix G-2-a will display information for both restraints and seclusion. For most waiver actions submitted after March 2014, responses regarding seclusion appear in Appendix G-2-c.)

- The State does not permit or prohibits the use of restraints

Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restraints and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:
For enrollees living in their homes, case managers review care standards with enrollees and caregivers. Case managers must conduct face-to-face care plan reviews with enrollees and caregivers at least once every three months. Case managers are responsible for reporting the use of restraints or seclusion to the State's Adult Protective Services program, and the plan is responsible for submitting adverse incident reports on enrollees who are being physically restrained or secluded against their will. Upon receipt of the adverse incident report, AHCA verifies the Adult Protective Services reporting and works with this program to correct the enrollee's living situation.

AHCA's Health Quality Assurance Division, surveys licensed assisted living facilities, adult family care homes and adult day care centers at least biannually. As part of the licensing survey, facilities must indicate their policies on the use of physical restraints and seclusion. Facilities with survey violations involving the use of physical restraints or seclusion are subject to fines and loss of licensure.

- **The use of restraints is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services.** Complete Items G-2-a-i and G-2-a-ii.

  i. **Safeguards Concerning the Use of Restraints.** Specify the safeguards that the State has established concerning the use of each type of restraint (i.e., personal restraints, drugs used as restraints, mechanical restraints). State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

  ii. **State Oversight Responsibility.** Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the use of restraints and ensuring that State safeguards concerning their use are followed and how such oversight is conducted and its frequency:

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**Appendix G: Participant Safeguards**

**Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions**

(2 of 3)

b. **Use of Restrictive Interventions.** (Select one): 

- **The State does not permit or prohibits the use of restrictive interventions**

  Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

  For enrollees living in their homes, case managers review care standards with enrollees and caregivers. Case managers must conduct face to face-care-plan reviews with enrollees and caregivers at least once every three months. Case managers are responsible for reporting the use of restrictive interventions to the State's Adult Protective Services program, and the plan is responsible for submitting adverse incident reports on enrollees who are being subjected to restrictive interventions against their will. Upon receipt of the adverse incident report, AHCA verifies the Adult Protective Services reporting and works with this program to correct the enrollee’s living situation.

  AHCA's Health Quality Assurance Division, surveys licensed assisted living facilities at least biannually. As part of the licensing survey, facilities must indicate their policies on the use of restrictive interventions. Facilities with survey violations involving the use of restrictive interventions are subject to fines and loss of licensure.

- **The use of restrictive interventions is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services**

  Complete Items G-2-b-i and G-2-b-ii.
i. **Safeguards Concerning the Use of Restrictive Interventions.** Specify the safeguards that the State has in effect concerning the use of interventions that restrict participant movement, participant access to other individuals, locations or activities, restrict participant rights or employ aversive methods (not including restraints or seclusion) to modify behavior. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the specification are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency.

ii. **State Oversight Responsibility.** Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for monitoring and overseeing the use of restrictive interventions and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

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### Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

#### Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions (3 of 3)

**c. Use of Seclusion.** *(Select one): (This section will be blank for waivers submitted before Appendix G-2-c was added to WMS in March 2014, and responses for seclusion will display in Appendix G-2-a combined with information on restraints.)*

- **The State does not permit or prohibits the use of seclusion**
  
  Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of seclusion and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

  AHCA's Division of Health Quality Assurance (HQA) license adult family care homes, assisted living facilities, home health agencies and nursing facilities. HQA's licensure surveyors monitor facilities licensed by the Agency. The surveyors review facilities for compliance with the non-use of seclusion in caring for residents or clients.

- **The use of seclusion is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services.** Complete Items G-2-c-i and G-2-c-ii.

  i. **Safeguards Concerning the Use of Seclusion.** Specify the safeguards that the State has established concerning the use of each type of seclusion. State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

  ii. **State Oversight Responsibility.** Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the use of seclusion and ensuring that State safeguards concerning their use are followed and how such oversight is conducted and its frequency:

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### Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

#### Appendix G-3: Medication Management and Administration (1 of 2)

*This Appendix must be completed when waiver services are furnished to participants who are served in licensed or unlicensed living arrangements where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the health and welfare of residents. The Appendix does not need to be completed when waiver participants are served exclusively in their own personal residences or in the home of a family member.*
a. **Applicability.** Select one:

- No. **This Appendix is not applicable** *(do not complete the remaining items)*
- Yes. **This Appendix applies** *(complete the remaining items)*

b. **Medication Management and Follow-Up**

i. **Responsibility.** Specify the entity (or entities) that have ongoing responsibility for monitoring participant medication regimens, the methods for conducting monitoring, and the frequency of monitoring.

Medication administration, supervision and assistance may be provided to enrollees as long as qualified staff are available to render the service. Medication supervision and administration can only be provided by licensed nurses. For assisted living facilities assistance with self-administered medications can be provided either by a licensed nurse or, with a documented request and informed consent, an unlicensed staff member. The unlicensed staff member must be trained to assist residents with self-administered medications, in accordance with Chapter 58A-5.0191(5), Florida Administrative Code, and must demonstrate the ability to accurately read and interpret a prescription label. Pursuant to Chapter 429.256 (3), Florida Statutes, assistance with self-administration of medications, whether in the home or a facility, includes taking the medication from where it is stored and delivering it to the recipient; removing a prescribed amount of medication from the container and placing it in the recipient’s hand or another container; helping the recipient by lifting the container to their mouth; applying topical medications; and keeping a record of when a recipient receives assistance with self-administration of their medications. Plans are responsible for delivering all services contained in the enrollee's care plan. Accordingly, plans must ensure medication administration assistance is available to an enrollee as necessary.

The State monitors providers on an annual basis to assess whether managed care plans are in compliance with State and Federal medical management and administration regulations. This may include reviewing medication reports, recipient case files for prescriptions and the provider’s critical incident reports as necessary. The State will cross reference its information with the LTC plan’s monitoring findings to determine whether the plan is adequately monitoring providers.

On an on-going basis, the State monitors medication administration via critical incident reports. Medication errors are deemed a critical incident and are required to be reported to the plans, who in turn report them to the State on an ad-hoc and quarterly basis. The State uses the information in these reports to determine trends in medication administration practices and to determine its provider education and training practices. It also uses this information to take punitive action against providers when necessary.

ii. **Methods of State Oversight and Follow-Up.** Describe: (a) the method(s) that the State uses to ensure that participant medications are managed appropriately, including: (a) the identification of potentially harmful practices (e.g., the concurrent use of contraindicated medications); (b) the method(s) for following up on potentially harmful practices; and, (c) the State agency (or agencies) that is responsible for follow-up and oversight.

Waiver providers must document all medication errors. In addition, medication errors resulting in an adverse incident for an enrollee must be reported as required per the critical incident reporting requirements.

AHCA's Division of Health Quality Assurance surveys licensed assisted living facilities, adult family care home and adult day care centers at least biennially. Medication administration practices are reviewed at this time.

In addition, AHCA is responsible for verifying provider qualifications for all waiver providers, including those involved in assisting enrollees with the self-administration of medications. The monitoring of all waiver services for enrollees living in a community home is completed annually as part of the overall LTC managed care program Quality Management Strategy or more frequently as needed.

**Appendix G: Participant Safeguards**

**Appendix G-3: Medication Management and Administration (2 of 2)**
c. Medication Administration by Waiver Providers

i. Provider Administration of Medications. Select one:

- Not applicable. *(do not complete the remaining items)*
- Waiver providers are responsible for the administration of medications to waiver participants who cannot self-administer and/or have responsibility to oversee participant self-administration of medications. *(complete the remaining items)*

ii. State Policy. Summarize the State policies that apply to the administration of medications by waiver providers or waiver provider responsibilities when participants self-administer medications, including (if applicable) policies concerning medication administration by non-medical waiver provider personnel. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the specification are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Medication administration, supervision and assistance may be provided to enrollees as long as qualified staff is available to render the service component. Medication supervision and administration can only be provided by licensed nurses. For assisted living facilities assistance with self-administered medications can be provided either by a licensed nurse or, with a documented request and informed consent, an unlicensed staff member. The unlicensed staff member must be trained to assist residents with self-administered medications, in accordance with Chapter 58A-5.0191(5), Florida Administrative Code, and must demonstrate the ability to accurately read and interpret a prescription label. Plans are required to provide the means for enrollees to receive medications or ensure they move to a more appropriate setting.

Pursuant to 429.256, Florida Statutes, assistance with self-administration of medications, whether in the home or a facility, includes taking the medication from where it is stored and delivering it to the recipient; removing a prescribed amount of medication from the container and placing it in the recipient’s hand or another container; helping the recipient by lifting the container to their mouth; applying topical medications; and keeping a record of when a recipient receives assistance with self-administration of their medications.

iii. Medication Error Reporting. Select one of the following:

- Providers that are responsible for medication administration are required to both record and report medication errors to a State agency (or agencies).

  Complete the following three items:

  (a) Specify State agency (or agencies) to which errors are reported:

  (b) Specify the types of medication errors that providers are required to record:

  (c) Specify the types of medication errors that providers must report to the State:

- Providers responsible for medication administration are required to record medication errors but make information about medication errors available only when requested by the State.

Specify the types of medication errors that providers are required to record:

All medication administration errors must be documented. For medication administration errors resulting in an adverse incident for an enrollee, the LTC plan must submit an adverse incident to AHCA within 48 hours of notification.
iv. **State Oversight Responsibility.** Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for monitoring the performance of waiver providers in the administration of medications to waiver participants and how monitoring is performed and its frequency.

For enrollees residing in assisted living facilities or adult family care homes, AHCA's Division of Health Quality Assurance is responsible for monitoring these facilities. These facilities are responsible for reporting adverse incidents including medication administration errors to their local licensure offices. Adult family care homes are surveyed annually, and assisted living facilities are surveyed at least biannually.

AHCA is responsible for monitoring LTC plans. LTC plans must send in their adverse incident reports quarterly and the annual on-site monitoring verifies the reports received against incident report records. Data concerning medication administration errors and medication management errors will be acquired from adverse incidents reports, and case note reviews. From these data the long-term care managed care program management will determine if any trends or patterns need to be addressed.

**Appendix G: Participant Safeguards**

**Quality Improvement: Health and Welfare**

*As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.*

**a. Methods for Discovery: Health and Welfare**

*The state demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for assuring waiver participant health and welfare.* *(For waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014, this assurance read "The State, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses, and seeks to prevent the occurrence of abuse, neglect and exploitation.")*

**i. Sub-Assurances:**

a. **Sub-assurance: The state demonstrates on an ongoing basis that it identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation and unexplained death.** *(Performance measures in this sub-assurance include all Appendix G performance measures for waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014.)*

**Performance Measures**

*For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.***

*For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.*

**Performance Measure:**

Percentage of enrollees with substantiated reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation that had appropriate follow-up by MCP. N: Number of enrollees with substantiated reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation where follow-up was required. D: Number of enrollees with substantiated reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation where follow-up was required.

*Data Source (Select one):*

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If 'Other' is selected, specify:

**Adult Protective Service reports.**

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**b. Sub-assurance:** The state demonstrates that an incident management system is in place that effectively resolves those incidents and prevents further similar incidents to the extent possible.
For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Percentage of enrollees with information on reporting grievance and complaint procedures as evidenced by signed acknowledgment present in the case record. N: Number of enrollees with information on reporting grievance and complaint procedures as evidenced by signed acknowledgment present in the case record. D: Number of records reviewed.

Data Source (Select one):
Record reviews, on-site
If 'Other' is selected, specify:

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**Performance Measure:**
Percentage of enrollees' grievances that received recommended follow-up. N: Number of enrollees' grievances that received recommended follow-up. D: Number of records reviewed.

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Performance Measures

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For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Percentage of enrollees with reports of use prohibited restraints, whose investigations started within 24 hours of being reported to Adult Protective (APS). N: Number of enrollees with reports of use of prohibited restraints, whose investigations started within 24 hours of being reported to APS. D: Number of enrollees with reports of abuse, or neglect.

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d. Sub-assurance: The state establishes overall health care standards and monitors those standards based on the responsibility of the service provider as stated in the approved waiver.

Performance Measures

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to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information
on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how
themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where
appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Percentage of enrollees who received telephone contact at least every thirty
days to assess their health status, satisfaction with services and any additional needs.
N: Number of enrollees who received a telephone contact at least every thirty
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N/A.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

Reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation are reported by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Adult and Protective Services (APS) to the LTC plan. The LTC plans are required to follow up on the APS referral with prescribed timeframes and provide necessary services to the plan member. If the LTC plan fails to comply with this contract requirement, DOEA will request a corrective action plan be developed within 15 business days, the LTC plan is subject to sanctions. If the LTC plan is unable to come into compliance, the state may exercise its discretion to pursue termination of the contract.

Enrollees must be provided with handbooks containing directions on reporting abuse, neglect and exploitation problems. If the annual contract review reveals a handbook deficiency, the LTC plan must develop a corrective action within established time frames based upon the severity of the deficiency. If the corrective action is not implemented timely, the LTC plan is subject to sanctions.

Health, safety, and welfare issues must be reported in adverse incident reports by the LTC plan to AHCA within 48 hours. If the LTC plan fails to comply with this contract requirement, the State will request a corrective action be developed within time frames based upon the severity of the deficiency. If the LTC plan fails to implement the corrective action timely, the plan is subject to sanctions ranging from enrollment suspension to larger on site case file reviews. Plan members involved with the reported health, safety and welfare issues are contacted by the LTC plan and necessary services are provided to address the problem. Critical incidents involving health and safety issues are reported to Adult Protective Services (APS) for investigation and resolution. LTC plans must assist as necessary with services to address the health, safety and welfare issues. If LTC plans fail to comply with the reporting requirement and assistance with enrollee services, sanctions ranging from enrollment suspension to program termination may be assessed.

If Adult Protective Service (APS) reports including use of prohibited restraints are not investigated within 24 hours, DOEA contacts the APS office for an explanation for the delay. Unexplained delays are reported to APS management. Enrollees are monitored for service provision and health and safety issues. LTC plans assist with services necessary to address health, safety and welfare needs as well as plan of care services. If the APS delays are not corrected timely, the Agency will report the unexplained delays to Department of Children and Family Division management responsible for the Adult Protective services program. For Adult Protective Service reports that are not investigated, the Agency will request from the Department of Children
and Family management an explanation of the decision to not investigate the report.

Plan members must be contacted by telephone at least every 30 days, and these contacts must be documented in the case record. If the case record review determines a deficiency with the monthly telephone contact requirement, the LTC plan must submit a corrective action to address this deficiency. If the LTC plan fails to implement the corrective action timely, the contractor is subject to sanctions.

LTC plans are required to provide information on reporting grievances and complaints to beneficiaries at least annually. LTC plans are required to provide copies of their enrollee handbooks that contain information on reporting grievance and complaints at least annually. During the annual desk review of LTC enrollee handbooks, the Agency will verify compliance with this requirement. Should the LTC plan fail to submit their enrollee handbook for review as required, sanctions up to an enrollment moratorium will be considered as well as monetary fines.

Enrollees grievances and complaints must be followed up. Evidence of the follow-up should appear in the enrollees case notes and the LTC plan grievance and complaint log. During the contract monitoring, LTC plan grievance and complaint logs will be examined and follow-up activities will be verified in the relevant case files. If a deficiency is found, the LTC plan will be required to submit a corrective action within 20 days for non-health and safety issues. Health and safety issues will require immediate follow-up and verification. DOEA will verify the implementation and elimination of the grievance and complaint process defect.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

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c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Health and Welfare that are currently non-operational.

☐ No
☐ Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Health and Welfare, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix H: Quality Improvement Strategy (1 of 2)
Under 1915(c) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 441.302, the approval of an HCBS waiver requires that CMS determine that the State has made satisfactory assurances concerning the protection of participant health and welfare, financial accountability and other elements of waiver operations. Renewal of an existing waiver is contingent upon review by CMS and a finding by CMS that the assurances have been met. By completing the HCBS waiver application, the State specifies how it has designed the waiver’s critical processes, structures and operational features in order to meet these assurances.

- Quality Improvement is a critical operational feature that an organization employs to continually determine whether it operates in accordance with the approved design of its program, meets statutory and regulatory assurances and requirements, achieves desired outcomes, and identifies opportunities for improvement.

CMS recognizes that a state’s waiver Quality Improvement Strategy may vary depending on the nature of the waiver target population, the services offered, and the waiver’s relationship to other public programs, and will extend beyond regulatory requirements. However, for the purpose of this application, the State is expected to have, at the minimum, systems in place to measure and improve its own performance in meeting six specific waiver assurances and requirements.

It may be more efficient and effective for a Quality Improvement Strategy to span multiple waivers and other long-term care services. CMS recognizes the value of this approach and will ask the state to identify other waiver programs and long-term care services that are addressed in the Quality Improvement Strategy.

Quality Improvement Strategy: Minimum Components

The Quality Improvement Strategy that will be in effect during the period of the approved waiver is described throughout the waiver in the appendices corresponding to the statutory assurances and sub-assurances. Other documents cited must be available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if appropriate).

In the QIS discovery and remediation sections throughout the application (located in Appendices A, B, C, D, G, and I), a state spells out:

- The evidence based discovery activities that will be conducted for each of the six major waiver assurances;
- The remediation activities followed to correct individual problems identified in the implementation of each of the assurances;

In Appendix H of the application, a State describes (1) the system improvement activities followed in response to aggregated, analyzed discovery and remediation information collected on each of the assurances; (2) the correspondent roles/responsibilities of those conducting assessing and prioritizing improving system corrections and improvements; and (3) the processes the state will follow to continuously assess the effectiveness of the OIS and revise it as necessary and appropriate.

If the State's Quality Improvement Strategy is not fully developed at the time the waiver application is submitted, the state may provide a work plan to fully develop its Quality Improvement Strategy, including the specific tasks the State plans to undertake during the period the waiver is in effect, the major milestones associated with these tasks, and the entity (or entities) responsible for the completion of these tasks.

When the Quality Improvement Strategy spans more than one waiver and/or other types of long-term care services under the Medicaid State plan, specify the control numbers for the other waiver programs and/or identify the other long-term services that are addressed in the Quality Improvement Strategy. In instances when the QIS spans more than one waiver, the State must be able to stratify information that is related to each approved waiver program. Unless the State has requested and received approval from CMS for the consolidation of multiple waivers for the purpose of reporting, then the State must stratify information that is related to each approved waiver program, i.e., employ a representative sample for each waiver.

Appendix H: Quality Improvement Strategy (2 of 2)

H-1: Systems Improvement

a. System Improvements

i. Describe the process(es) for trending, prioritizing, and implementing system improvements (i.e., design changes) prompted as a result of an analysis of discovery and remediation information.
LTC Waiver Quality improvement strategy

The Quality Improvement Team will meet periodically to review performance measure and waiver operations to determine if any changes need to be recommended. The team will review problem issues submitted from other units involved with program operations and recommend changes to Agency management as needed.

AHCA will establish a Quality Improvement Team for the Long-Term Care Managed Care Program that will include staff from AHCA and DOEA. The team will be responsible for reviewing all program reports related to quality improvement activities as well as trending, prioritizing and developing recommendations for implementation of system quality improvements. The team will meet monthly to review program data collection and performance measures that aggregate data on a monthly and quarterly basis.

For the performance measures with monthly or quarterly data collection, the Quality Improvement Team will begin their review and trending of the aggregated data after the first three months of program operations. If the completed aggregated data indicate performance rates are outside of the expected rates or other program data indicate the need for changes, the team will develop recommendations for addressing the performance rates for consideration by AHCA and DOEA management. If approved, the recommendations will be implemented based upon the prioritized program improvement schedule. Prioritization of the program improvement schedule will be guided by the following considerations: high risk (e.g., possibility of adverse incidents); high volume (e.g., affects a large number of beneficiaries); or high cost (e.g., financial reserve concerns).

With the large number of performance measures that issue annual performance measure reports, the team may meet more often than monthly to review the annual performance measures and develop the annual program report. Should the performance measure reports reveal performance levels below 100% of the expected performance rates, or other program data indicate the need for change, the team will develop recommendations to address the reasons for the poor performance. The recommendations will be considered by AHCA and DOEA management. If approved, the recommendations will be implemented based upon the program's prioritized improvement schedule. All team meetings will keep meeting minutes. The approved meeting minutes will be maintained by AHCA. The annual program report will include performance measure results for individual LTC plans as well as the overall program performance on the measures detailed in Appendices A, B, C, D, G and I and high volume complaints, adverse incidents and other program data. All revisions, additions or deletions to performance measures listed in the application's appendices will be submitted for approval by CMS through the waiver amendment process.

The annual program report on Quality Improvements will list individual LTC plan performance rates as well as overall program performance on the program performance measures. The approved annual report will be available on the AHCA website.

The Medicaid agency, in consultation with the DOEA, will be responsible for implementing program changes and following up on program results.

### ii. System Improvement Activities

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b. System Design Changes

i. Describe the process for monitoring and analyzing the effectiveness of system design changes. Include a description of the various roles and responsibilities involved in the processes for monitoring & assessing system design changes. If applicable, include the State's targeted standards for systems improvement.

The Quality Improvement Team will review performance measure results to determine if the policy change or other program adjustment resulted in improvement in the identified problem. If the revised policy change or other program adjustment (i.e., new forms, conducting necessary training or improving a program process) has not resulted in improving the problem within six months or one year, the Quality Improvement Team will develop recommendations to address performance in the problem area. The team will focus on the expected performance rate as contrasted with the actual LTC plan rate for performance measures.

Quality measures involving AHCA's and DOEA's performance on quality measures will be reviewed by the team and contrasted with the expected performance rates. Should the performance rates not equal the expected rate, the team will develop recommendations for consideration and approval by AHCA and DOEA program management. Program management will approve new program performance standards for agency quality measures.

AHCA will announce performance measure changes and other program policy changes to enrolled LTC plans through their program memorandums and the contract amendment process. All revisions, additions or deletions of performance measures listed Appendices A, B, C, D, G, H and I will be submitted to CMS through the waiver amendment process. Changes to the Quality Improvement Strategy (QIS) will also be reported on the annual CMS 372 report.

The Evidentiary report will be available on the AHCA website.

ii. Describe the process to periodically evaluate, as appropriate, the Quality Improvement Strategy.

Performance measure results are reviewed periodically to determine if program or plan results indicate improvement is necessary.

Survey parameters will be set to achieve a 95% confidence level, a 5.0% margin of error and 50% response distribution, in order to draw a representative sample at the program level. When necessary, this random sample will then be apportioned across the LTC plans, so that the percent of the sample drawn randomly from each LTC plan matched the percent of the overall population served by that LTC plan. Proportionate random sampling ensures that all Managed Care Plans are represented in the sample, and helps to minimize bias.

Quality Improvement Strategy re-evaluation meetings will be held as necessary to consider revisions to the strategy. The team, AHCA and DOEA program staff will attend these meetings. All evaluation meetings will keep meeting minutes. Approved meeting minutes will be maintained by AHCA.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

I-1: Financial Integrity and Accountability

Financial Integrity. Describe the methods that are employed to ensure the integrity of payments that have been made for waiver services, including: (a) requirements concerning the independent audit of provider agencies; (b) the financial audit program that the state conducts to ensure the integrity of provider billings for Medicaid payment of waiver services, including the methods, scope and frequency of audits; and, (c) the agency (or agencies) responsible for conducting the financial audit program. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Financial accountability is assured through the State's Automated Management Accounting System and the Accounting Procedures manuals which include federal reporting requirements. Capitated LTC plans are paid a monthly capitation rate, which is paid prospectively on or around the first of the month.

Payments for those individuals whose eligibility is canceled will be recovered. All enrollee, provider, and service
utilization/payment data will be available through FMMIS, a federally certified Medicaid Management Information System that is designed and operated by a contracted entity (the State's fiscal agent) and managed by AHCA.

In addition, the Department of Financial Services, Office of Insurance Regulation determines whether LTC plans seeking to be licensed health maintenance organizations meet financial solvency standards and review quarterly financial reports from the HMOs to ensure that solvency standards are maintained. The Department of Financial Services is also responsible for the State financial audit program. For other LTC plans (non-HMOs), AHCA reviews their annual financial statements and also verifies compliance with LTC plans' required insolvency protection and surplus accounts.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

Quality Improvement: Financial Accountability

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State's methods for discovery and remediation.


State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver. (For waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014, this assurance read "State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.")

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. Sub-assurance: The State provides evidence that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver and only for services rendered. (Performance measures in this sub-assurance include all Appendix I performance measures for waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014.)

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Percentage of approved monthly capitation payments made in a quarter to capitated MCPs for qualified enrollees. N: Number of approved monthly capitation payments made in the quarter to capitated MCPs for qualified enrollees. D: Number of monthly capitation payments made in the quarter to capitated MCPs for qualified enrollees.

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b. **Sub-assurance:** The state provides evidence that rates remain consistent with the approved rate methodology throughout the five year waiver cycle.

Performance Measures

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on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Percentage of monthly capitation payments made in the quarter to MCPs for services rendered using appropriate rate. N: Number of monthly capitation payments made in the quarter for services rendered using appropriate rates. D: Number of monthly capitation payments made in the quarter.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

Florida’s certified Medicaid Management Information System is programmed to verify all LTC plan and recipient enrollment eligibility criteria before approving a recipient’s enrollment and generating a capitation payment. The Medicaid program has established edits to check LTC plan and recipient eligibility criteria before each payment is made. No capitation payments are made to ineligible LTC plans for ineligible enrollees.

Each managed care plan is required to submit a complete copy of its independently audited financial statements and the auditor’s report (pertaining to its pertinent lines of business, not umbrella or parent company business) to the Agency on an annual basis. Managed care plans must also submit financial reports to the Agency on a quarterly basis. These are reviewed by the Agency’s Bureau of Medicaid Program Finance to ensure continued provider solvency, and congruence with payment information contained in the State provider payment system.

The Agency’s Medicaid Program Integrity (MPI) analyzes encounter data and conducts provider audits if it detects errant billing practices and, per Florida Statutes, randomly audits 5% of Medicaid providers on an annual basis. MPI, along with the Agency’s Inspector General investigate financial complaints made against providers by various parties. Investigations may result in a claims and payment audit.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

AHCA operates the State's Medicaid Management Information System. This system contains the system programming for all LTC plan and recipient eligibility as well as payment rates. If monthly payments are made to a LTC plan for non-qualified enrollees, the system error is researched and necessary programming changes are implemented. LTC plans receiving the improper payments are notified that the payment will be recouped.

If incorrect payments are made to LTC plans, the payment will be researched. Based upon the research findings related to the payment error, the LTC plan will be notified and the incorrect payment would be voided and the correct payment paid. In addition, necessary programming revisions would be made to prevent future payment errors.

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☐ No  ☐ Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Financial Accountability, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability
I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (1 of 3)

a. Rate Determination Methods. In two pages or less, describe the methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates for waiver services and the entity or entities that are responsible for rate determination. Indicate any opportunity for public comment in the process. If different methods are employed for various types of services, the description may group services for which the same method is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available upon request to CMS through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

LTC Capitation Rate Range Development
The State of Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) contracted with Mercer Government Human Services Consulting (Mercer) to develop actuarially sound capitation rate ranges for the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Long-term Care (LTC) program for the implementation year (August 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014), and for the second year (September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015). For the third year, AHCA retained Milliman to develop LTC capitation rates (September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016).

During the rate setting process, AHCA provides several opportunities for public comment. First, we have regular meetings with actuaries and the plans (individually and as a group) to discuss any issues that need to be accounted for in the base data used to develop rates. Second, we share draft rates with the plans, meet with them to discuss additional comments they may have in regard to the rates. Lastly, final rates are shared and ongoing communication continues throughout the year if necessary.

The LTC rate range development process is divided into the following components:
• Establish the base data, reflecting the applicable service cost for the HCBS and non-HCBS populations (Data for non-mandatory populations and non-covered services have been excluded).
• Apply trend factors to project base data forward to the appropriate period within the contract period.
• Adjust for historical and prospective programmatic changes.
• Include considerations for administration expenses and margin.
• Calculate the Community High Risk Pool (CHRP) withhold for HCBS rates.
• Combine the resulting HCBS and Non-HCBS rate ranges to reflect the HCBS transition required by statute.

Capitation payments to LTC plans are based on actuarially certified rates, adjusted to reflect the case mix of enrollees according to services received: home and community based (HCBS) or non-HCBS. Central to risk adjustment is the case mix of HCBS and non-HCBS enrollees. Case mix is determined by staff in the Medicaid Bureau of Data Analytics using encounter data and assistance category assignments from the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS).

Once the case mix is established, AHCA makes an adjustment for the statutorily required HCBS transition percentage. The transition percentage is applied until no more than 35% of MCO’s enrollees are placed in institutional settings (non-HCBS). For the third year of the LTC contract, the transition requirement is 3%. In addition, the HCBS certified rate is reduced by a small withholding amount to reimburse plans with a large number of very costly enrollees who receive HCBS. The withholding constitutes a Community High Risk Pool (CHRP), implemented in July 2014, risk mitigation mechanism for the HCBS rate cell. A percentage of HCBS rates is withheld to fund CHRP and varies by region. Seventy-five percent of member expenditures greater than $7,500 per month (“pooled claims”) are eligible to be reimbursed by the CHRP. At the end of the contract period, if CHRP funds are inadequate to reimburse all pooled claims, the pooled claims will be funded on a proportional basis for each MCO. If CHRP funds exceed the level of pooled claims, excess CHRP funds will be returned to MCOs on a PMPM basis.

AHCA then calculates a final blended rate for each plan using the process above.

b. Flow of Billings. Describe the flow of billings for waiver services, specifying whether provider billings flow directly from providers to the State's claims payment system or whether billings are routed through other intermediary entities. If billings flow through other intermediary entities, specify the entities:

The Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) has recipient eligibility and provider information. The recipient information is updated as part of the eligibility redetermination process. When a recipient is enrolled in the Long-Term Care Managed Care Program/a LTC plan, this will be reflected on his/her eligibility file. Provider information is established upon enrollment of each LTC plan. Capitated payments flow directly to capitated LTC plans from FMMIS. For each recipient enrolled with a LTC plan, a monthly payment is generated. Capitated LTC plans are responsible for paying provider claims and submitting encounters to the State. Edits in FMMIS are designed to ensure that claims for enrollees for services covered by a capitated LTC plan will be denied.

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I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (2 of 3)

c. Certifying Public Expenditures (select one):

- No. State or local government agencies do not certify expenditures for waiver services.
- Yes. State or local government agencies directly expend funds for part or all of the cost of waiver services and certify their State government expenditures (CPE) in lieu of billing that amount to Medicaid.

Select at least one:

- Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of State Public Agencies.

Specify: (a) the State government agency or agencies that certify public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on the total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the State verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b). (Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-a.)

- Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of Local Government Agencies.
Specify: (a) the local government agencies that incur certified public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the State verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b). (Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-b.)

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I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (3 of 3)

d. Billing Validation Process. Describe the process for validating provider billings to produce the claim for federal financial participation, including the mechanism(s) to assure that all claims for payment are made only: (a) when the individual was eligible for Medicaid waiver payment on the date of service; (b) when the service was included in the participant's approved service plan; and, (c) the services were provided:

Florida's Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) has edits to ensure that, prior to generating a payment to a LTC plan, the enrollee is eligible for the Long-Term Care Managed Care Program and is enrolled with the LTC plan.

e. Billing and Claims Record Maintenance Requirement. Records documenting the audit trail of adjudicated claims (including supporting documentation) are maintained by the Medicaid agency, the operating agency (if applicable), and providers of waiver services for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR 92.42.

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I-3: Payment (1 of 7)

a. Method of payments -- MMIS (select one):

- Payments for all waiver services are made through an approved Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).

- Payments for some, but not all, waiver services are made through an approved MMIS.

Specify: (a) the waiver services that are not paid through an approved MMIS; (b) the process for making such payments and the entity that processes payments; (c) and how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

- Payments for waiver services are not made through an approved MMIS.

Specify: (a) the process by which payments are made and the entity that processes payments; (b) how and through which system(s) the payments are processed; (c) how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

- Payments for waiver services are made by a managed care entity or entities. The managed care entity is paid a monthly capitated payment per eligible enrollee through an approved MMIS.

Describe how payments are made to the managed care entity or entities:

LTC plans receive monthly capitation payments for caring for their enrollees from the Agency's FMMIS. Service authorizations are sent to service providers to obtain the necessary waiver services for enrollees. After
service providers deliver the waiver service, the provider submits a bill to the LTC plan for reimbursement per their subcontract.

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I-3: Payment (2 of 7)

b. Direct payment. In addition to providing that the Medicaid agency makes payments directly to providers of waiver services, payments for waiver services are made utilizing one or more of the following arrangements (*select at least one*):

- [ ] The Medicaid agency makes payments directly and does not use a fiscal agent (comprehensive or limited) or a managed care entity or entities.
- [ ] The Medicaid agency pays providers through the same fiscal agent used for the rest of the Medicaid program.
- [ ] The Medicaid agency pays providers of some or all waiver services through the use of a limited fiscal agent.

Specify the limited fiscal agent, the waiver services for which the limited fiscal agent makes payment, the functions that the limited fiscal agent performs in paying waiver claims, and the methods by which the Medicaid agency oversees the operations of the limited fiscal agent:

- Providers are paid by a managed care entity or entities for services that are included in the State's contract with the entity.

Specify how providers are paid for the services (if any) not included in the State's contract with managed care entities.

N/A.

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I-3: Payment (3 of 7)

c. Supplemental or Enhanced Payments. Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to States for expenditures for services under an approved State plan/waiver. Specify whether supplemental or enhanced payments are made. *Select one:*

- [ ] No. The State does not make supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.
- [ ] Yes. The State makes supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.

Describe: (a) the nature of the supplemental or enhanced payments that are made and the waiver services for which these payments are made; (b) the types of providers to which such payments are made; (c) the source of the non-Federal share of the supplemental or enhanced payment; and, (d) whether providers eligible to receive the supplemental or enhanced payment retain 100% of the total computable expenditure claimed by the State to CMS. Upon request, the State will furnish CMS with detailed information about the total amount of supplemental or enhanced payments to each provider type in the waiver.

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I-3: Payment (4 of 7)
d. Payments to State or Local Government Providers. Specify whether State or local government providers receive payment for the provision of waiver services.

- **No. State or local government providers do not receive payment for waiver services.** Do not complete Item I-3-e.
- **Yes. State or local government providers receive payment for waiver services.** Complete Item I-3-e.

Specify the types of State or local government providers that receive payment for waiver services and the services that the State or local government providers furnish:

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I-3: Payment (5 of 7)

e. Amount of Payment to State or Local Government Providers.

Specify whether any State or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services and, if so, whether and how the State recoups the excess and returns the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report. Select one:

- The amount paid to State or local government providers is the same as the amount paid to private providers of the same service.
- The amount paid to State or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. No public provider receives payments that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services.
- The amount paid to State or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. When a State or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed the cost of waiver services, the State recoups the excess and returns the federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report.

Describe the recoupment process:

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I-3: Payment (6 of 7)

f. Provider Retention of Payments. Section 1903(a)(1) provides that Federal matching funds are only available for expenditures made by states for services under the approved waiver. Select one:

- Providers receive and retain 100 percent of the amount claimed to CMS for waiver services.
- Providers are paid by a managed care entity (or entities) that is paid a monthly capitated payment.

Specify whether the monthly capitated payment to managed care entities is reduced or returned in part to the State.

The LTC plan capitation is not reduced by the Agency. Likewise the service providers' reimbursement is not reduced by the LTC plan.
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I-3: Payment (7 of 7)

g. Additional Payment Arrangements

i. Voluntary Reassignment of Payments to a Governmental Agency. Select one:

- No. The State does not provide that providers may voluntarily reassign their right to direct payments to a governmental agency.
- Yes. Providers may voluntarily reassign their right to direct payments to a governmental agency as provided in 42 CFR §447.10(e).

Specify the governmental agency (or agencies) to which reassignment may be made.

ii. Organized Health Care Delivery System. Select one:

- No. The State does not employ Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) arrangements under the provisions of 42 CFR §447.10.
- Yes. The waiver provides for the use of Organized Health Care Delivery System arrangements under the provisions of 42 CFR §447.10.

Specify the following: (a) the entities that are designated as an OHCDS and how these entities qualify for designation as an OHCDS; (b) the procedures for direct provider enrollment when a provider does not voluntarily agree to contract with a designated OHCDS; (c) the method(s) for assuring that participants have free choice of qualified providers when an OHCDS arrangement is employed, including the selection of providers not affiliated with the OHCDS; (d) the method(s) for assuring that providers that furnish services under contract with an OHCDS meet applicable provider qualifications under the waiver; (e) how it is assured that OHCDS contracts with providers meet applicable requirements; and, (f) how financial accountability is assured when an OHCDS arrangement is used.

iii. Contracts with MCOs, PIHPs or PAHPs. Select one:

- The State does not contract with MCOs, PIHPs or PAHPs for the provision of waiver services.
- The State contracts with a Managed Care Organization(s) (MCOs) and/or prepaid inpatient health plan(s) (PIHP) or prepaid ambulatory health plan(s) (PAHP) under the provisions of §1915(a)(1) of the Act for the delivery of waiver and other services. Participants may voluntarily elect to receive waiver and other services through such MCOs or prepaid health plans. Contracts with these health plans are on file at the State Medicaid agency.

Describe: (a) the MCOs and/or health plans that furnish services under the provisions of §1915(a)(1); (b) the geographic areas served by these plans; (c) the waiver and other services furnished by these plans; and, (d) how payments are made to the health plans.

- This waiver is a part of a concurrent §1915(b)/§1915(c) waiver. Participants are required to obtain waiver and other services through a MCO and/or prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) or a prepaid ambulatory health plan (PAHP). The §1915(b) waiver specifies the types of health plans that are used and how payments to these plans are made.
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I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (1 of 3)

a. State Level Source(s) of the Non-Federal Share of Computable Waiver Costs. Specify the State source or sources of the non-federal share of computable waiver costs. Select at least one:

- [x] Appropriation of State Tax Revenues to the State Medicaid agency
- [ ] Appropriation of State Tax Revenues to a State Agency other than the Medicaid Agency.

If the source of the non-federal share is appropriations to another state agency (or agencies), specify: (a) the State entity or agency receiving appropriated funds and (b) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if the funds are directly expended by State agencies as CPEs, as indicated in Item I-2-c:

- [ ] Other State Level Source(s) of Funds.

Specify: (a) the source and nature of funds; (b) the entity or agency that receives the funds; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if the funds are directly expended by State agencies as CPEs, as indicated in Item I-2-c:

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I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (2 of 3)

b. Local Government or Other Source(s) of the Non-Federal Share of Computable Waiver Costs. Specify the source or sources of the non-federal share of computable waiver costs that are not from state sources. Select One:

- [ ] Not Applicable. There are no local government level sources of funds utilized as the non-federal share.
- [ ] Applicable
  
  Check each that applies:
  
  - [ ] Appropriation of Local Government Revenues.

  Specify: (a) the local government entity or entities that have the authority to levy taxes or other revenues; (b) the source(s) of revenue; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement (indicate any intervening entities in the transfer process), and/or, indicate if the funds are directly expended by local government agencies as CPEs, as specified in Item I-2-c:

- [ ] Other Local Government Level Source(s) of Funds.

Specify: (a) the source of funds; (b) the local government entity or agency receiving funds; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the State Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if the funds are directly expended by local government agencies as CPEs, as specified in Item I-2-c:
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I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (3 of 3)

c. Information Concerning Certain Sources of Funds. Indicate whether any of the funds listed in Items I-4-a or I-4-b that make up the non-federal share of computable waiver costs come from the following sources: (a) health care-related taxes or fees; (b) provider-related donations; and/or, (c) federal funds. Select one:

- None of the specified sources of funds contribute to the non-federal share of computable waiver costs
- The following source(s) are used
  
  Check each that applies:
  - Health care-related taxes or fees
  - Provider-related donations
  - Federal funds

For each source of funds indicated above, describe the source of the funds in detail:

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I-5: Exclusion of Medicaid Payment for Room and Board

a. Services Furnished in Residential Settings. Select one:

- No services under this waiver are furnished in residential settings other than the private residence of the individual.
- As specified in Appendix C, the State furnishes waiver services in residential settings other than the personal home of the individual.

b. Method for Excluding the Cost of Room and Board Furnished in Residential Settings. The following describes the methodology that the State uses to exclude Medicaid payment for room and board in residential settings:

Assisted living services and assistive care services are furnished in residential settings other than the personal residence of the enrollee, and the following methods exclude Medicaid payment for room and board. Edits are in place in the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS) to ensure that all enrollees are blocked out of the fee-for-service payment system for services covered by capitated LTC plans, and the LTC plans only receive the monthly capitation payments. Any payment from a capitated LTC plan to assisted living facilities is made explicitly for the provision of assisted living services as defined by this waiver. As part of the on-going monitoring process of all LTC plans, the State will ensure that payments to assisted living facilities are based solely on service costs.

Other services (e.g., respite services) can be furnished in residential settings other than the enrollee's personal home, but the payment is explicitly for the purpose of the specified service as defined by this waiver and does not include room or board.

NOTE: Adult Day Health Care providers receive payment for services that include board as allowed in 42 CFR §441.310 (a)(2). The Adult Day Health Care service definition includes nutritional meals as a part of this service only when the enrollee is at the center during meal times, which does not constitute the full nutritional regime for enrollees.

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I-6: Payment for Rent and Food Expenses of an Unrelated Live-In Caregiver

Reimbursement for the Rent and Food Expenses of an Unrelated Live-In Personal Caregiver. Select one:
No. The State does not reimburse for the rent and food expenses of an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant.

Yes. Per 42 CFR §441.310(a)(2)(ii), the State will claim FFP for the additional costs of rent and food that can be reasonably attributed to an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who resides in the same household as the waiver participant. The State describes its coverage of live-in caregiver in Appendix C-3 and the costs attributable to rent and food for the live-in caregiver are reflected separately in the computation of factor D (cost of waiver services) in Appendix J. FFP for rent and food for a live-in caregiver will not be claimed when the participant lives in the caregiver’s home or in a residence that is owned or leased by the provider of Medicaid services.

The following is an explanation of: (a) the method used to apportion the additional costs of rent and food attributable to the unrelated live-in personal caregiver that are incurred by the individual served on the waiver and (b) the method used to reimburse these costs:

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (1 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements. Specify whether the State imposes a co-payment or similar charge upon waiver participants for waiver services. These charges are calculated per service and have the effect of reducing the total computable claim for federal financial participation. Select one:

- No. The State does not impose a co-payment or similar charge upon participants for waiver services.
- Yes. The State imposes a co-payment or similar charge upon participants for one or more waiver services.

i. Co-Pay Arrangement.

Specify the types of co-pay arrangements that are imposed on waiver participants (check each that applies):

- Nominal deductible
- Coinsurance
- Co-Payment
- Other charge

Specify:

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (2 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements.

ii. Participants Subject to Co-pay Charges for Waiver Services.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.
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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (3 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements.

iii. Amount of Co-Pay Charges for Waiver Services.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (4 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements.

iv. Cumulative Maximum Charges.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (5 of 5)

b. Other State Requirement for Cost Sharing. Specify whether the State imposes a premium, enrollment fee or similar cost sharing on waiver participants. Select one:

- No. The State does not impose a premium, enrollment fee, or similar cost-sharing arrangement on waiver participants.
- Yes. The State imposes a premium, enrollment fee or similar cost-sharing arrangement.

Describe in detail the cost sharing arrangement, including: (a) the type of cost sharing (e.g., premium, enrollment fee); (b) the amount of charge and how the amount of the charge is related to total gross family income; (c) the groups of participants subject to cost-sharing and the groups who are excluded; and, (d) the mechanisms for the collection of cost-sharing and reporting the amount collected on the CMS 64:

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-1: Composite Overview and Demonstration of Cost-Neutrality Formula

Composite Overview. Complete the fields in Cols. 3, 5 and 6 in the following table for each waiver year. The fields in Cols. 4, 7 and 8 are auto-calculated based on entries in Cols 3, 5, and 6. The fields in Col. 2 are auto-calculated using the Factor D data from the J-2-d Estimate of Factor D tables. Col. 2 fields will be populated ONLY when the Estimate of Factor D tables in J-2-d have been completed.

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J-2: Derivation of Estimates (1 of 9)

a. **Number Of Unduplicated Participants Served.** Enter the total number of unduplicated participants from Item B-3-a who will be served each year that the waiver is in operation. When the waiver serves individuals under more than one level of care, specify the number of unduplicated participants for each level of care:

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Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (2 of 9)

b. **Average Length of Stay.** Describe the basis of the estimate of the average length of stay on the waiver by participants in item J-2-a.

The average length of stay in the waiver was derived by reviewing the plan members' monthly in program during the most recent year (2014-2015) that complete data is available. The total number of recipient days in the waiver were compiled and were divided by the number of enrolled recipients. The resulting value was the projected average length of stay.

During this waiver year (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015)

12,8821,180 = Number of unduplicated recipient days in waiver during year

58,420 = Number of unduplicated recipients in waiver during year

*221.00 = Average length of Stay (Days)

*Answer rounded to nearest whole number required by Appendix J Tables.

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (3 of 9)

c. **Derivation of Estimates for Each Factor.** Provide a narrative description for the derivation of the estimates of the following factors.

i. **Factor D Derivation.** The estimates of Factor D for each waiver year are located in Item J-2-d. The basis for these estimates is as follows:
Factor D values were derived from the latest LTC plan encounter data from SFY 2014-2015. The average cost per service unit, average annual units of service and number of enrollees receiving a covered service in a year were compiled from encounter data. The average cost per service unit was trended forward for the four remaining years of the renewal period using 2.5% as the CPI's inflation factor for medical services in an urban setting.

ii. **Factor D' Derivation.** The estimates of Factor D' for each waiver year are included in Item J-1. The basis of these estimates is as follows:

Factor D' values were derived from the latest LTC plan encounter data from SFY 2014-2015. The LTC population's state plan service costs for SFY 2014-15 were compiled and an average Factor D' value was developed. The D' factor for year 1 of the renewal was tended forward using the CPI's inflation factor of 2.5% for medical services in an urban setting for September for each of the remaining years of the waiver renewal period.

iii. **Factor G Derivation.** The estimates of Factor G for each waiver year are included in Item J-1. The basis of these estimates is as follows:

Factor G values were from the latest LTC plan encounter data available from SFY 2014-2015. The LTC population costs for receiving nursing home care was complied and an average G factor for year 1 of the renewal period was developed. The Year 1 Factor G value was trended forwarded using the CPI of 2.5% for medical services in an urban setting for September 2015 for years 2 through 5 of the renewal period.

iv. **Factor G' Derivation.** The estimates of Factor G' for each waiver year are included in Item J-1. The basis of these estimates is as follows:

Factor G' values were derived from the latest LTC plan encounter data available from SFY 2014-2015. The LTC population that received nursing home care during 2014-2015 had their state plan costs compiled and an average Factor G' value for year 1 of the renewal period was developed. The Year 1 Factor G' was trended forward for years 2 through 5 for the renewal period using CPI of 2.5% for medical services in an urban setting for September 2015.

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### J-2: Derivation of Estimates (4 of 9)

**Component management for waiver services.** If the service(s) below includes two or more discrete services that are reimbursed separately, or is a bundled service, each component of the service must be listed. Select “manage components” to add these components.

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d. Estimate of Factor D.

   ii. Concurrent §1915(b)/§1915(c) Waivers, or other authorities utilizing capitated arrangements (i.e., 1915(a), 1932(a), Section 1937). Complete the following table for each waiver year. Enter data into the Unit, # Users, Avg. Units Per User, and Avg. Cost/Unit fields for all the Waiver Service/Component items. If applicable, check the capitation box next to that service. Select Save and Calculate to automatically calculate and populate the Component Costs and Total Costs fields. All fields in this table must be completed in order to populate the Factor D fields in the J-1 Composite Overview table.

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Average Length of Stay on the Waiver: 221
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#### J-2: Derivation of Estimates (6 of 9)

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### Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration
#### J-2: Derivation of Estimates (8 of 9)

d. **Estimate of Factor D.**

ii. **Concurrent 1915(b)/1915(c) Waivers, or other authorities utilizing capitated arrangements (i.e., 1915(a), 1932(a), Section 1937).** Complete the following table for each waiver year. Enter data into the Unit, # Users, Avg. Units Per User, and Avg. Cost/Unit fields for all the Waiver Service/Component items. If applicable, check the capitation box next to that service. Select Save and Calculate to automatically calculate and populate the Component Costs and Total Costs fields. All fields in this table must be completed in order to populate the Factor D fields in the J-1 Composite Overview table.

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Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-2: Derivation of Estimates (9 of 9)

d. Estimate of Factor D.

ii. Concurrent §1915(b)/§1915(c) Waivers, or other authorities utilizing capitated arrangements (i.e., 1915(a), 1932(a), Section 1937). Complete the following table for each waiver year. Enter data into the Unit, # Users, Avg. Units Per User, and Avg. Cost/Unit fields for all the Waiver Service/Component items. If applicable, check the capitation box next to that service. Select Save and Calculate to automatically calculate and populate the Component Costs and Total Costs fields. All fields in this table must be completed in order to populate the Factor D fields in the J-1 Composite Overview table.

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