**Policy Clarifications –**

**Medicaid – Long Term Care**

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**Submitted: 2/26/19 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: OBRA Waiver Recipient Re-Assessments**

**Question**: **Must current OBRA Waiver recipients receive a new assessment prior to the implementation of Community HealthChoices (CHC)?**

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| **Response By: Division of Health Services** **Date: 2/27/19** |  |

Yes, current OBRA waiver recipients will have assessments completed to determine their current level of care prior to CHC implementation. Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) will be conducting the level of care assessments.

On January 11, 2019, letters were mailed to all OBRA recipients in the Lehigh-Capital, Northeast and Northwest regions informing them of the upcoming assessment and what the impact will be based on the outcome.

* If it is determined that the recipient is Nursing Facility Ineligible (NFI), they will remain in the OBRA waiver.
* If it is determined that the recipient is Nursing Facility Clinically Eligible (NFCE), they will be transitioned to the CHC waiver.

A key component of the CHC implementation is the transition of all Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) waiver participants aged 18 through 20 to the OBRA Waiver. Attendant Care and Independence Waiver participants living in the Northwest, Northeast and Lehigh-Capital regions who are 18 through 20 years old will be systematically transitioned to the OBRA Waiver until they turn 21 and are then eligible for CHC. The OBRA Waiver will continue to be available Statewide even after CHC implementation.

Attachment: [OBRA Participant Letter](http://mydhs/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/c_287068.docx)