

Policy Clarifications – Long Term Care - All PMN-19017-468

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Community HealthChoices (CHC) and Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) Fliers

Question: Will there be communications sent to LIFE and CHC recipients informing them of the option to choose between CHC and LIFE?

Response By: Division of Health Services

Date:

Yes. On May 21, 2018, informational fliers were sent out to LIFE recipients in the Southwest (SW) Zone informing them that CHC is an available option. On June 22, 2018 informational fliers were sent to CHC recipients residing in the SW Zone who are potentially eligible for LIFE, informing them that they can choose between LIFE and CHC. The fliers are informational and do not direct recipients to the CAO, however, the CAOs may receive inquiries or questions regarding these mailings. If a CAO should get a call regarding a request to switch to LIFE or vice versa, the callers should be directed to utilize the contact information on the attached fliers.

There are two additional fliers scheduled to be sent. CHC will be implemented in the Southeast (SE) Zone (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties) on January 1, 2019. Potential CHC recipients in the SE Zone who may be eligible for LIFE will be sent an informational flier in August 2018. LIFE recipients residing in the SE Zone may be eligible for CHC once CHC is implemented in their zone. An informational flier explaining that CHC is an option is scheduled to be sent to LIFE recipients in the SE Zone in September 2018.

Reminder: LIFE recipients may be eligible for ongoing spend down if their income exceeds the NMP limit of \$2,250 (in 2018), using the capitated rate paid to the LIFE provider. This does not apply for CHC. The CAO is not to place an individual who is currently in a LIFE spend down into CHC using the same procedure. For LIFE spend down procedures, please refer to LTC HB 468.321. For CHC spend down procedures, please refer to Ops 17-12-02.

Attachments: [CHC for LIFE Recipients in the SW Zone](#)
[LIFE for CHC Recipients in the SW Zone](#)
[LIFE for Future CHC Recipients in the SE Zone](#)
[CHC for LIFE Recipients in the SE Zone](#)