

Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) Program

An Introduction to LIFE in Pennsylvania

Office of Long-Term Living

OLTL provides long-term services and supports (LTSS) to qualifying older Pennsylvanians and adults with physical disabilities. Individuals must qualify clinically and financially for all programs.

Currently, OLTL services are provided through:

- Home and Community-Based Services Waivers
- Nursing Facilities
- The Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) Program

Between 2018 and 2019, a new managed care program called Community HealthChoices (CHC) will be phased in statewide. CHC is a program to coordinate care for individuals who have both Medicare and Medicaid or need LTSS.

Today our focus is on the LIFE Program.

LIFE History in Pennsylvania

- Implemented in Pennsylvania (PA) in 1998
- Called the LIFE Program in PA
 - Living Independence for the Elderly
- Nationally known as PACE
 - Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

LIFE Managed Model of Care

- Managed care model for the frail elderly
- Integrates Medicare and Medicaid funding through monthly capitation payments to providers
- Risk based model – provider incentive to keep the participant as healthy as possible
- The LIFE Provider is responsible for coordinating and managing all of the participant's personal and health care needs

LIFE Model of Care Benefits

- Provides the following benefits:
 - Acute care
 - Long-term care
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Behavioral health services
 - Social and community services
- Goal is to enable older adults to live independently in their home and community as long as possible
- Focused around a day health center

LIFE Program Eligibility

- Age 55 and older
- Determined Nursing Facility Clinically Eligible (NFCE)
- Determined financially eligible or able to pay privately
- Reside safely in the community
- Reside in area served by LIFE Provider

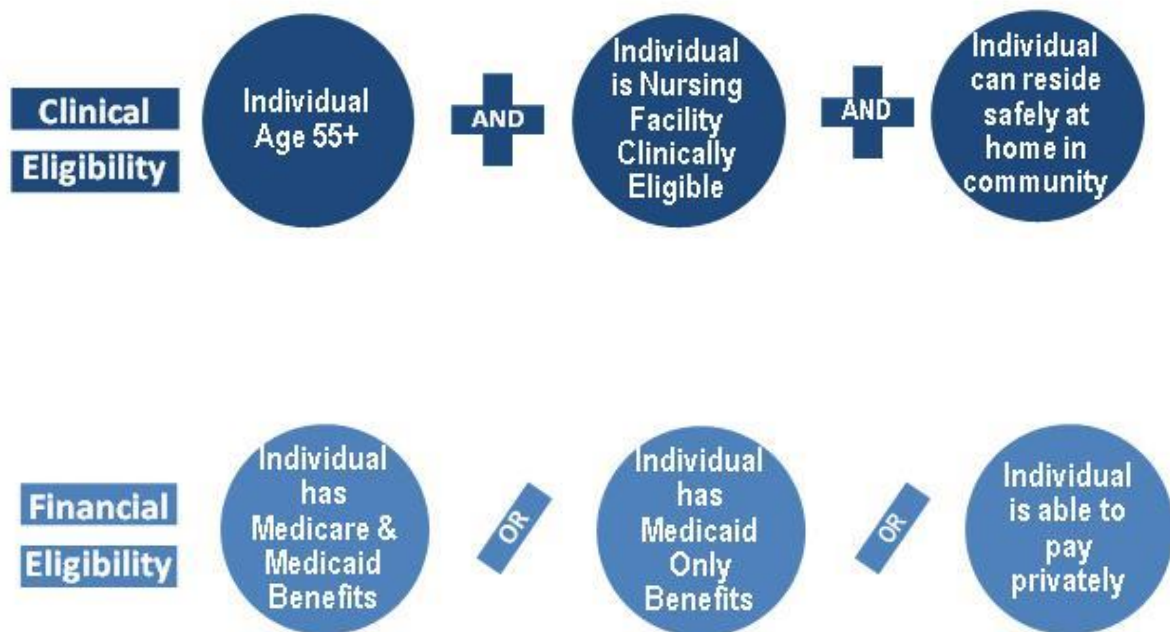
LIFE Population

- 95% of participants are dual eligible individuals
- Nationally, according to the National PACE Association (NPA):
 - Average participant is an 80 year old female
 - 90% of participants live in the community
 - Has 8 medical conditions
 - 49% of participants have dementia
 - Has 3 activities of daily living (ADL's)

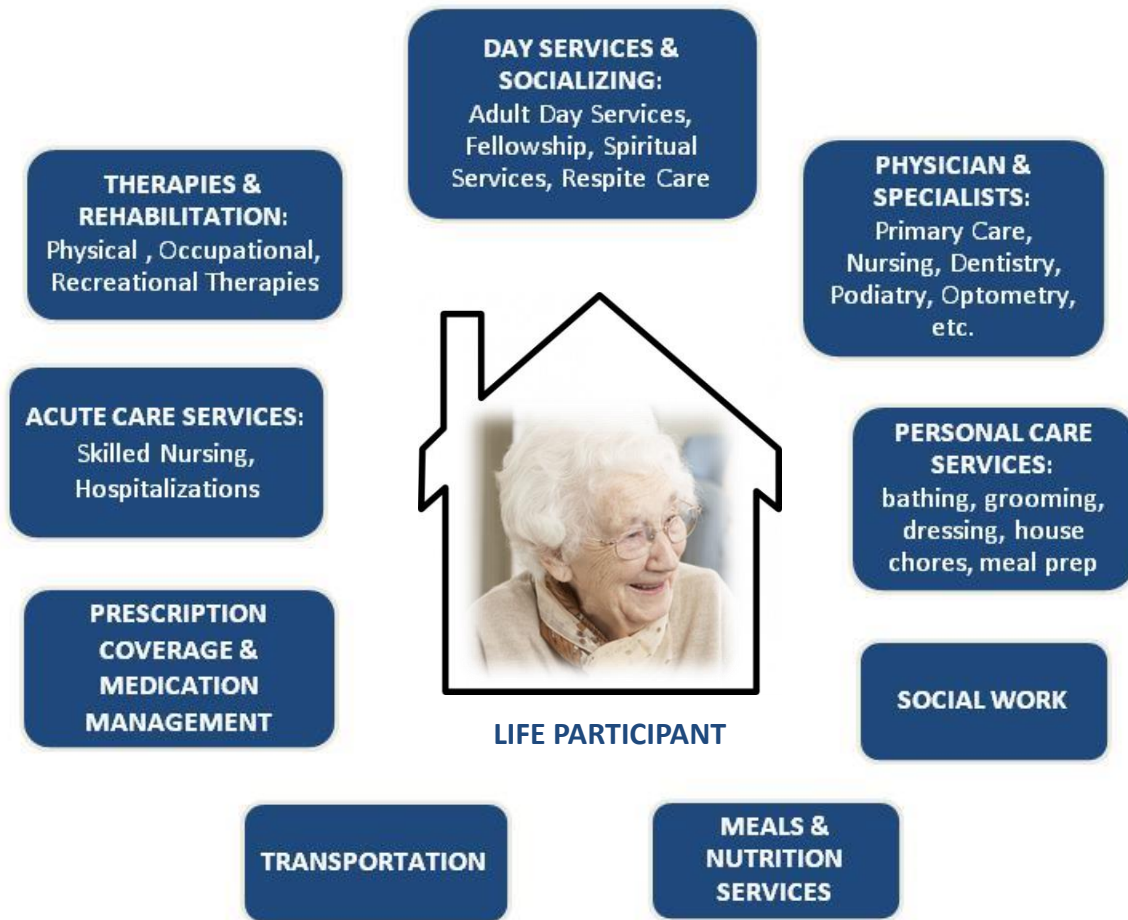
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LIFE Program Model and Services



LIFE Program Providers

LIFE Program providers are structured in different ways:

- ‘stand alone’ or owner-operated
- Hospital/Health system ownership
- Long-Term Care provider ownership

▶ LIFE Program Providers Address Housing

Innovative ways in which some LIFE Program Providers address housing needs:

- Community partnerships
- Co-location arrangements
- Services and supports agreements
- Public Housing Authority agreements
- HUD Housing arrangements
- Nursing Home Transition (NHT) program



Counties with LIFE Programs

Western PA

- Allegheny
- Armstrong
- Beaver
- Bedford
- Blair
- Butler
- Cambria
- Clarion
- Crawford
- Erie
- Fayette
- Forest
- Greene
- Indiana
- Lawrence
- McKean
- Mercer
- Somerset
- Venango
- Warren
- Washington
- Westmoreland

Central PA

- Adams
- Clinton
- Columbia
- Cumberland
- Dauphin
- Franklin
- Lancaster
- Lebanon
- Lycoming
- Montour
- Northumberland
- Perry
- Schuylkill
- Snyder
- Union
- York

Eastern PA

- Berks
- Bucks
- Chester
- Delaware
- Lackawanna
- Lehigh
- Luzerne
- Montgomery
- Northampton
- Philadelphia
- Wyoming

KEY:
LIFE Program under development in this county
LIFE Program currently serving this county



Pennsylvania LIFE Provider Alliance
Living Independence for the Elderly

LIFE Program Information

- DHS website (keyword “LIFE”)
 - www.dhs.pa.gov
- Pennsylvania LIFE Provider Alliance
 - www.palpaonline.org – *Coming soon!*
- National PACE Association
 - www.npaonline.org
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
 - www.cms.hhs.gov/PACE

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Questions

