
CHAPTER 30: PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

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OVERVIEW

The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) established Long Term-Personal Care Services (LT-PCS) as an optional service under the Medicaid State Plan. This program is designed for Medicaid recipients who require assistance with the activities of daily living and are either in a nursing home or at imminent risk of nursing facility placement.

The purpose of LT-PCS is to assist individuals with functional impairments with their daily living activities. LT-PCS must be prior authorized and provided in accordance with an approved Plan of Care and supporting documentation. In addition, LT-PCS must be coordinated with the other Medicaid services, community services and informal supports being provided to the recipient and will be considered in conjunction with those services.

Each person requesting LT-PCS will undergo a functional eligibility screening to determine if both nursing facility level of care is met and nursing facility admission is imminent.

LT-PCS applicants who have been determined to meet nursing facility level of care and who are at imminent risk of nursing facility placement are assessed face-to-face using the Minimum Data Set – Home Care (MDH-HC). This face-to-face MDS-HC assessment is utilized to:

- Verify eligibility qualifications,
- Determine resource allocation, and
- Identify the individual's need for support in performance of activities of daily living (ADL) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADL).

The services offered under the LT-PCS program are provided by a Medicaid enrolled agency that has a valid Home and Community-Based Services license issued by the Department of Health and Hospitals' Health Standards Section (HSS).