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RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

LT-PCS are available to recipients who meet the following criteria. The recipient:

- Is age 65 years or older, or 21 years of age or older with a disability. Disabled is defined as meeting the disability criteria established by the Social Security Administration;
- Meets the medical standards for admission to a nursing facility as presumptively determined by the Level of Care Eligibility Tool (LOCET) and verified by the Minimum Data Set – Home Care (MDS-HC);
- Is at imminent risk of nursing facility placement, which means that a person faces a substantial possibility of deterioration in mental or physical condition or functioning if either home and community-based services or nursing facility services are not provided in less than 120 days. This criterion is considered met if the recipient:
 - Is in a nursing facility and could be discharged if community-based services were available;
 - Is likely to require nursing facility admission within the next 120 days as determined by the LOCET and MDS-HC; or
 - Has a primary caregiver who has a disability or is age 70 or older;
- Requires at least limited assistance (as defined by the MDS-HC) with one or more ADL. The MDS-HC defines Limited Assistance for most ADL as the receipt of physical help or a combination of physical help and weight-bearing assistance at specified frequencies during the period just prior to the MDS-HC assessment; and
- Is able to participate in his/her care and self-direct the services of the worker independently or through a responsible representative.

Responsible Representative

A responsible representative is defined as the person designated by the recipient to act on his/her behalf in the process of accessing and/or maintaining LT-PCS.

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A responsible representative may not represent more than two recipients in any Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS)-operated Medicaid home and community-based service program at the same time. This includes but is not limited to the following programs:

- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE),
- LT-PCS,
- Community Choices Waiver, and
- Adult Day Health Care Waiver.