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Office of Aging and Adult Services

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Support Coordination Agencies

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OAAS Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Public Health Emergency (PHE) Expirations and Updates for the Community Choices Waiver, Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver and Long Term-Personal Care Services

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) ENDED on 5/11/23. The OAAS COVID-19 FAQ document dated 5/10/23 notified all providers of the end dates to all OAAS PHE Exceptions.

OAAS has received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) through the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver Renewal document to add the following PHE services as permanent services under the ADHC Waiver program: Home Delivered Meals (HDM), ADHC Health Status Monitoring (ADHC HSM) and Activity and Sensor Monitoring (ASM).

ADHC Waiver Service:	PHE Exception ENDING 11/11/23:	Effective 11/12/23:
Home Delivered Meals (HDM)	ADHC Waiver participants may receive Home Delivered Meals by the ADHC provider and/or another authorized Home Delivered Meals provider.	ADHC Waiver participants may continue to receive or add HDM through a traditional HDM provider from the HMD Freedom of Choice (FOC) form. The ADHC provider is no longer able to provide HDMs unless they are enrolled as a HDM provider. The support coordinator must contact participants that are currently receiving HDMs through an ADHC provider and inquire if they are still interested in receiving HDMs. If the ADHC Waiver participant wants to continue to receive HDMs, a new HDM provider must be selected from the HDM FOC form and a POC Revision must be completed.

Activity and Sensor Monitoring (ASM)	ADHC Waiver participants may receive the Activity and Sensor Monitoring (ASM) service.	ADHC Waiver participants may continue to receive ASM or add ASM as a new service. If they would like to add this service, they will need to select an ASM provider from the Freedom of Choice form and a POC Revision must be completed.
Adult Day Health Care - Health Status Monitoring (ADHC HSM)	During the PHE, an ADHC Waiver or Community Choices Waiver (CCW) participant may either attend the ADHC center or receive a HSM contact on the scheduled ADHC center attendance day, not to exceed the total number of days the participant is scheduled to attend the ADHC center.	ADHC Waiver participants may continue to receive this service through ADHC providers. ADHC providers may continue to provide this service only on days when the participant is scheduled to attend the ADHC center, per the approved POC, and does not attend. This service is provided in lieu of ADHC attendance therefore is not planned as a regular service on the POC.

Just a reminder - the ADHC attendance policy for the ADHC Waiver has been restored as it stood prior to the COVID-19 PHE. This policy remains unchanged – ADHC Waiver participants will be discharged if they fail to attend the ADHC center for a minimum of 36 days per calendar quarter.

Attached are the updated policy documents for the Home Delivered Meals, Activity and Sensor Monitoring and ADHC Health Status Monitoring services, as well as the updated ADHC Waiver and Community Choices Waiver Fee Schedule.

Below are other COVID-19 PHE Exceptions that are ending 11/11/23:

COVID-19 PHE Exception:	Ending 11/11/23:	Policy/Procedure Effective 11/12/23:
Who can be a participant's Direct Service Worker (DSW) during the COVID-19 emergency?	OAAS allowed the Community Choices Waiver participant's spouse, curator, tutor, legal guardian or responsible representative to be the Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Direct Service Worker (DSW) on a case-by-case basis.	As prior to COVID-19, DSWs can be a family member, unless the family member is a participant's spouse, curator, tutor, legal guardian or responsible representative. (Please refer to the link below that explains who can and cannot be a DSW - https://www.ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/OAAS/Manuals/dswflowchart.pdf)
The State may modify the minimum age requirement for DSWs under LT-PCS and PAS (including Self-Direction).	In certain instances, OAAS allowed 16 and 17 year olds to be the DSW.	As prior to COVID-19, DSWs must be at least 18 years old.

If you have any questions about the information in this memo, please email Cheryl Dickerson at Cheryl.Dickerson@LA.gov.

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Attachments: ADHC Waiver - Home Delivered Meals Policy, OAAS-ADM-23-007
ADHC Waiver - Activity and Sensor Monitoring Policy, OAAS-ADM-23-014
ADHC Waiver – ADHC Health Status Monitoring Policy, OAAS-ADM-23-013
ADHC Waiver Fee Schedule, OAAS-PC-06-001
Community Choices Waiver Fee Schedule, OAAS-PC-11-001