

Transition Phases

Recipients currently eligible for benefits in HCB40–Healthy, HCB50–Healthy Plus and HCB60–Private Coverage Option (PCO) will all transition into one Medicaid Adult benefit package during two transition phases. Current PCO plans will be discontinued and HealthChoices Managed Care Organization (MCO) will begin for those PCO recipients.

Pre-Transition Activities March 2015

- March 25, 2015: The Department of Human Services (DHS) and HealthChoices physical and behavioral health Managed Care Organizations (MCO) issued recipient notices about the new Medicaid Adult benefit package effective April 27, 2015.
 - *March Benefit Change Notice – Sample* can be found at www.HealthChoicesPA.com by clicking on “Consumer Resources”.
- March 28, 2015: The HealthChoices Public Notice was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin by DHS describing the consolidation of Medicaid benefits into a single benefit package for adults age 21 and older (the Medicaid Adult benefit package); and the transition plan, from *Healthy PA* to a traditional Medicaid expansion.
 - *Transition to Traditional Medicaid Expansion Public Notice* can be viewed at the HealthChoices website by clicking on “Supporting Documents”.

	Healthy PA		HealthChoices		
	PCO Enrollment Date	PCO End Date	MA FFS Begin Date	PH MCO Begin Date	BH MCO Begin Date
PCO Phase 1	Pre 4/25	5/31	4/27	6/1	6/1
	6/1	N/A	Application Date	6/1	6/1
	5/1	N/A	Application Date	5/1	5/1
PCO Phase 2	5/15	N/A	Application Date	5/15	5/1
	Pre 6/1	8/31	7/27	9/1	9/1

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Transition Phase 1
Effective April 27, 2015

- April 25, 2015: Transition weekend recipients active in a PCO category who were covered by Medical Assistance (MA) in December 2014 will transition to the Medicaid Adult benefit package during phase one, some examples are listed below:
 - Former General Assistance (GA)
 - Former SelectPlan
 - Former Medically Needy Only (MNO)
 - Others covered by FFS or an MCO and who were found eligible for PCO coverage as a result of changes to their case data between 1/1/15-4/24/15
- April 27, 2015:
 - All applicants eligible for MA in the traditional adult Medicaid population will receive the Medicaid Adult benefit package and be enrolled in a HealthChoices benefit plan.
 - HCB40-Healthy and HCB50-Healthy Plus will be revised into the single Medicaid HCB50-Adult benefit package. Any claims with a date of service or date of discharge prior to 4/27 will be processed according to the benefit package the recipient was in at that time.
- There will be no new enrollment in the PCO.

Transition Phase 2
Effective July 27, 2015

- July 27, 2015: All remaining PCO recipients will be enrolled in the new Medicaid Adult benefit package in fee for services and their PCO coverage will continue until September 1.
 - The PCO will be the primary payer during this time and Fee-for-Service will be the secondary payer.
- September 1, 2015: All remaining PCO recipients will be transitioned from PCO plans into HealthChoices MCOs.
 - Clients who have not previously received a MA ACCESS card will be issued a new card.

Phase 1 & Phase 2:
Overlapping Eligibility

- There will be overlapping eligibility from the dates of transition until the recipient is moved from the PCO.

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- The overlapping dates are:
 - Phase 1: April 27 - May 31, 2015
 - Phase 2: July 27 - August 31, 2015
- The PCO is the primary payer in this situation:
 - A Third Party Liability (TPL) record will be created to cover the overlapping period to ensure the PCO is billed for covered services prior to the provider seeking payment from MA via PROMISe™.
 - TPL records will be systematically generated with begin and end effective dates to align with the overlapping period.
- The MA FFS program is responsible for payment of eligible services not covered by the PCOs for the overlapping period (such as dental services).

Transition Timelines

Transition Phase 1 Effective April 27, 2015

- The timeline below illustrates the transition for recipients actively enrolled in a PCO that were opened in a legacy MA category in December 2014 and moved into a PCO between 1/1/15-4/24/15.
- These individuals will remain opened with their PCOs through 5/31/15.
- Their MCO behavioral and physical health coverage is set to begin on 6/1/15. These individuals will receive MA FFS coverage from 4/27/15-5/31/15 as secondary insurance to their PCO.

HCE Transition Phase 1	Former Traditional MA/SelectPlan enrolled in a PCO as of 4/24/15 (Begin PH and BH MCO coverage 6/1)		
	MA Effective (4/27)	*	
	Notice Sent	4/28-29	
	PCO Coverage	Through 5/31	
	TPL (FFS if not covered by PCO)	From 4/27 through 5/31	
PH and BH MCO Coverage (Start 6/1)		From 6/1	>>>

- The next timelines illustrate the scenarios for recipients in PCO gap coverage.
- These are newly eligible recipients who are currently receiving FFS and waiting for their PCO coverage to begin.
- Their PCO will be negated, enabling them to move to MA and be enrolled in MCO coverage as quickly as possible.

HCE Transition Phase 1 Population (Former MA/SelectPlan)	Former Traditional MA/SelectPlan in PCO Gap Coverage where PCO coverage <u>was</u> to begin 5/1/15 (Negate the PCO start and begin PH and BH MCO coverage 5/1/15)	
	MG 93 or 94 (ends 4/30)	
	MA Effective (4/27)	*
	Notice Sent	4/28-29
	FFS	Through 4/30
	PCO Start is negated	*
	PH MCO Coverage (Start 5/1)	From 5/1 >>>
	BH MCO Coverage (Start 5/1)	From 5/1 >>>
	Former Traditional MA/SelectPlan in PCO Gap Coverage where PCO coverage <u>was</u> to begin 5/15/15 (Negate the PCO start and begin PH MCO coverage 5/15/15; Begin BH MCO Coverage 5/1/15)	
	MG 93 or 94 (ends 5/14)	
MA Effective (4/27)	*	
Notice Sent	4/28-29	
FFS	Through 5/14	
PCO Start is negated	*	
PH MCO Coverage (Start 5/15)	From 5/15 >>>	
BH MCO Coverage (Start 5/1)	From 5/1 >>>	

Transition Phase 2 Effective July 27, 2015

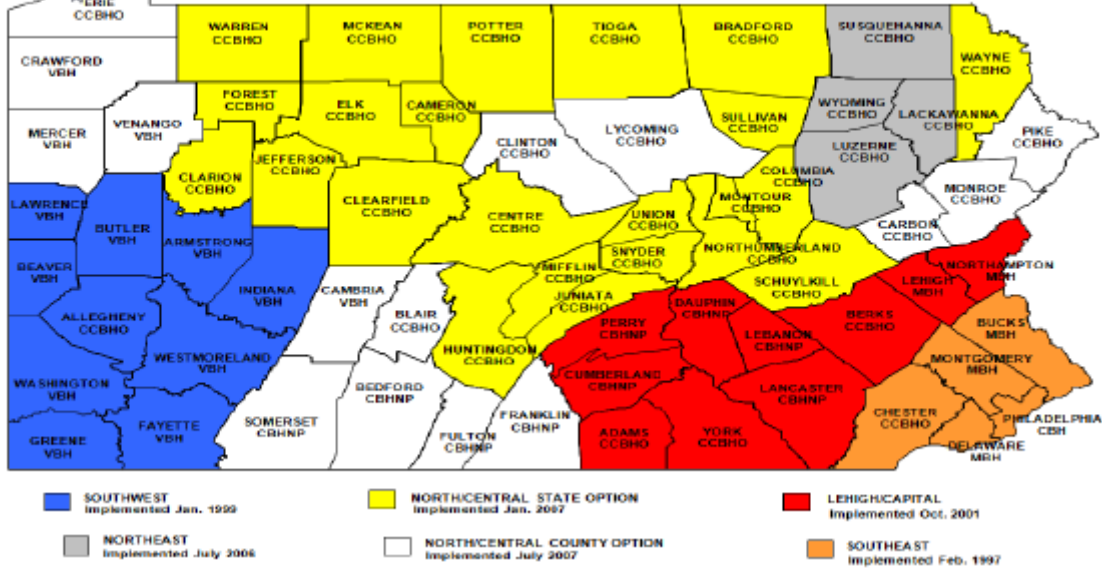
- Since the entire Phase 2 population is already enrolled in a PCO, there is only one timeline for their transition to their MCOs.
- All recipients who remain in a PCO on 7/24/15 will have their PCO continue through 8/31/15. Their physical and behavioral health MCO will begin coverage on 9/1/15.
- These individuals will receive MA FFS coverage from 7/27/15-8/31/15 as secondary insurance to their PCO.

HCE Transition Phase 2	Remaining Recipients enrolled in a PCO as of 7/24/15 (Begin PH and BH MCO coverage 9/1)	
	MA Effective (7/27)	*
	Notice Sent	7/28-29
	PCO Coverage	Through 8/31
	TPL (FFS if not covered by PCO)	From 7/27 through 8/31
	PH and BH MCO Coverage (Start 9/1)	From 9/1 >>>

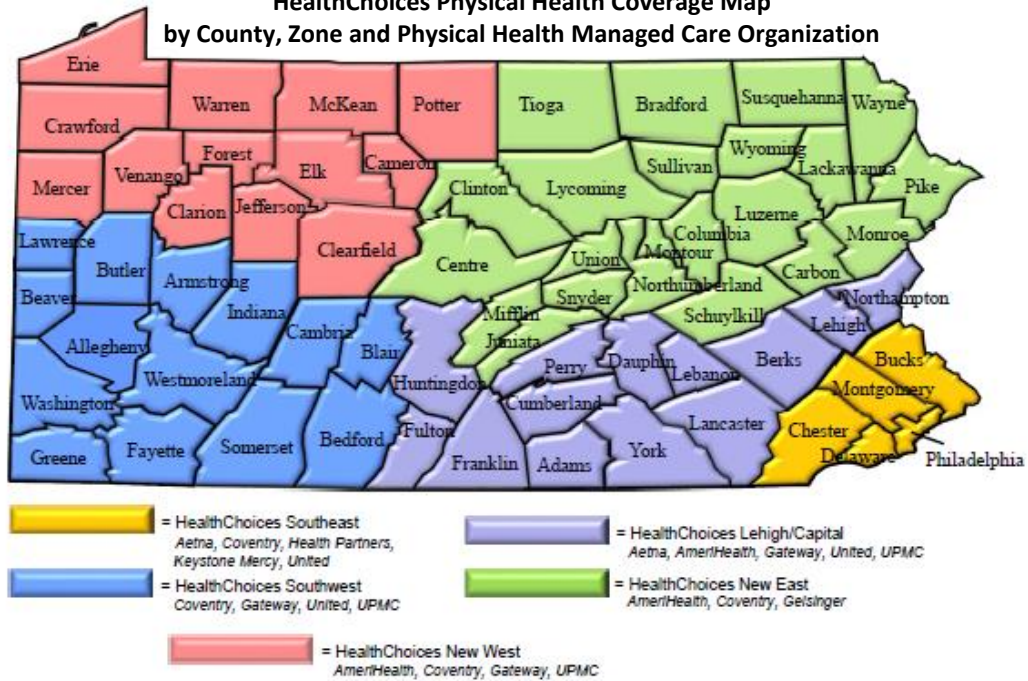
On September 1, 2015, there will no longer be anyone in the PCO. By moving to a simpler process, all individuals will receive MA through a MCO or FFS and the majority of adults will be receiving the same benefits.

Transition
HealthChoices Managed Care Organization Maps

HealthChoices Behavioral Health Coverage Map
by County, Zone and Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization



HealthChoices Physical Health Coverage Map
by County, Zone and Physical Health Managed Care Organization



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