



Michael Dallas Waiver Information Session

March 22, 2010



Overview

- Michael Dallas Waiver is expiring June 30, 2010
- Transition will take place on July 1, 2010
- Individuals regardless of age and diagnosis will transition into the Independence Waiver



Assurances

- 1) The goal of this transition is to continue to serve individuals in their homes.
- 2) Individual service plans will remain unchanged through the transition process and will be reviewed in the usual course at the next scheduled reevaluation intervals after July 1, 2010.



Assurances cont.

- 3) Necessary amendments relating to service provision to the Independence Waiver will be in place prior to the transition, including the removal of the prohibition on serving individuals who are dependent on of ventilators.
- 4) Continuous and ongoing skilled nursing services will be added to the Independence Waiver.



Assurance cont.

- 5) Participants will be able to utilize their current providers, as long as the providers are enrolled Independence Waiver providers.
- 6) OLTL will pursue options to have a multi-tiered review to include clinical oversight in developing plans for individuals with high medical needs.



Nursing

- Nursing - services must be performed by an RN or LPN. 49 PA Code Chapter 21 (State Board of Nursing) provides the following service definition for the practice of professional nursing, "Diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or potential health problems through such service as case finding, health teaching, health counseling, provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being, and executing medical regimens as prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist. The term does not include acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of medical, therapeutic or corrective measures, except as may be authorized by rules and regulations jointly promulgated by the State Board of Medicine and the Board, which rules and regulations will be implemented by the Board."



Nursing cont.

- Services must be ordered by a physician and are within the scope of the State's Nurse Practice Act and are provided by a registered professional nurse, or licensed practical or vocational nurse under the supervision of a registered nurse, licensed to practice in the state. **Skilled nursing is individual, and can be continuous, intermittent, or part time nursing services and will be based on based on individual's assessed need.**



Questions, Comments or Concerns?