



ADVOCACY DURING THE PANDEMIC

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Community Health Choices (CHC)

- Eligibility
 - *Financial*
 - *Clinical*
 - Must have personal care needs and not a primary ID/Mental Health Diagnosis
- Admission
 - *Call Maximus PA Enrollment Broker (PA IEP) at 877-550-4227*
 - *Based on care needs*

Community Health Choices (CHC) (Continued)

- Services
 - *Home Care*
 - *Nursing*
 - *Vehicle/Housing Modification*
 - *Other*
- There is no budget cap on CHC Services
- There is no waiting list for CHC Services
- Exceptions are being made during the pandemic for many CHC rules, including ISP Reviews, Spouses/POA/Guardians providing home care services, etc.

Intellectual Disability/Autism Waiver in PA

- Eligibility
 - *Financial*
 - *Clinical*
 - ID or Autism Diagnosis
- Admission
 - *The County Office of Intellectual Disabilities*

Intellectual Disability/Autism Waiver in PA (Continued)

- Services
 - *PFDS Waiver- \$33,000 per year budget cap*
 - *Community Waiver- \$70,000 year budget cap*
 - *Consolidated Waiver- No Budget Cap*
 - *Based on Care Needs*
 - *Provides*
 - Home Care (After CA 21)
 - Nursing (After CA 21)
 - Programs
 - Home Vehicle Modifications
 - Other

Intellectual Disability/Autism Waiver in PA (Continued)

- While there are waiting lists, individuals are being admitted into waivers during the Pandemic
- Exceptions are being granted during the Pandemic for many Waiver rules, including budget caps, ISP Reviews & Parents/POA/Guardians being allowed to provide home care services.
- New rules can allow habilitation services in short term care/medical settings.
- For more info on PA ID/Autism Waiver Services go to the Office of Intellectual Disabilities in your county government

Advocacy during the Pandemic

- All formal grievances, appeal rules, policies remain in effect.
- Entitlement services and supports continue to be available.
- All existing waiver ISP Plan services should be provided.
- Outside of PA, you can contact the Protection and Advocacy Office in your state government for similar services.