



# PHCA Assisted Living/Personal Care Summit

March 22, 2022

# Agenda

- OLTL Priorities
- Act 24 of 2021 ARPA Payments
- FY 22-23 Budget Proposal
- ALR/ PCH Updates
- BHSL Updates
- APS Media Toolkit
- Older Adult Protective Services(OAPSA)

# 2022 OLTL Priorities

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- ✓ Value Based Purchasing
- ✓ ARPA Funding
- ✓ FMS Transition
- ✓ NH Funding Issues
- ✓ Agency with Choice
- ✓ DCW Support
- ✓ Support for BHSL

# Act 24 of 2021 ARPA Payments

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Act 24 of 2021 appropriates \$282 million in ARPA funding to long-term living programs.
- The funding was distributed as follows:
  - Nursing Facilities: \$247 million
    - \$198 million to be allocated based on Medical Assistance days of care for the third quarter of CY2019.
    - \$49 million to be allocated based on licensed beds for all facilities as of March 31, 2020.
  - Assisted Living and Personal Care Homes: \$30 million
    - \$27 million to be allocated proportionally based on occupancy based on the most recent inspections on or before April 1, 2020.
    - \$3 million to be allocated proportionally based on the number of SSI residents in March 2020.

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- DHS has been working with provider associations by providing lists of facilities that have not returned forms and the licensing staff have been doing outreach to return the forms.
  - 990 invoices (100%) processed of 1,195 acceptance forms received as of 3/1/2022
  - 205 providers have not returned forms
  - 943 of the invoices have been paid through Treasury – they are paying in about 14-21 days
  - These are not facilities we have existing payment relationships. To generate payments, we must manually create invoices from information the facility returns to DHS.

# FY 22-23 Budget Proposal



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- FY 22-23 Budget Allocations:
  - \$91.25 million increase to Medical Assistance rates for skilled nursing facility providers and
  - \$50 million to increase the supplementary payments rates for personal care homes to invest in supportive services and caregivers.
  - \$14 million for state veterans' homes to help long-term care providers hire staff to comply with new regulations that call for increased staffing ratios to promote improved care for residents and drive increased funding to the bedside.


# Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget

## Long-Term Living

- Medical Assistance FFS
- OBRA & Act 150 Programs

	<b>2021-22 Available</b>	<b>2022-23 Request</b>	<b>Change</b>
State Funds	\$126.9M	\$128.8M	(\$1.9M)
Federal Funds	\$489.3M	\$349.6M	(\$ 139M)
Other Funds*	\$537K	\$537K	\$ --
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$616.7M</b>	<b>\$479.0M</b>	<b>(\$137.7M)</b>

\*Includes Attendant Care Patient Fees and Parking Fines



# Assisted Living Residence/Personal Care Home Updates

# ALRs/PCHs Updates

- RCG updates

- Updated version released in August 2021 incorporating all Q&A's
- Next update is in development addressing all corrections identified
- Provider can submit comments/recommendations for our review at:  
<https://forms.office.com/g/Dt42PLp92Q>

- Inspection Updates

- Annual Renewal Backlog – approximately 250 facilities are still outstanding for their annual renewal inspection
- Except for the Central region, anticipate no backlog as of December 31, 2021
- Licensing renewal date vs. last inspection date – BHSL continues to work towards aligning inspection dates to licensing renewal dates
- Physical Plant issues are frequently being cited

# Bureau of Human Service Licensing Updates

# BHSL Updates

- **Inspection Backlog**
  - 94% of facilities in all regions except Central completed by end of January 2021
  - Central region staff hired and in training
- **Inspection Trends**
  - Increase in number of provisional licenses
  - Medication administration, staff training and physical plant citations
  - Bedside lamps and blocked egresses
- **Staffing Updates**

# BHSL Updates

- LIS Timelines
  - Focus on issuing within 15 days
  
- Plans of Correction
  - Submit within days of receipt of LIS
  - Include: Corrective Action, Completion Date, Responsible Staff
  - Immediate correction and preventive corrective action
  - Verification within 30 days of last completion date

# BHSL Updates

- Suspended regulations
- Regulatory Compliance Guide
  - Personal Assistance Devices
  - Enablers
- Annual Reports
- Electronic Licensing System



# Resources

- Please email [RA-PWARLHEADQUARTERS@PA.GOV](mailto:RA-PWARLHEADQUARTERS@PA.GOV) if you need assistance obtaining booster vaccines
- Check e-mails regularly for important notifications from DHS or BHSL. If you are not receiving e-mails from us, please email [RA-PWARLHEADQUARTERS@PA.GOV](mailto:RA-PWARLHEADQUARTERS@PA.GOV) and remember to notify us if you have a change in administrator
- Continue to update the COVID-19 Reporting Tool

For questions -

Email – [RA-pwarlheadquarters@pa.gov](mailto:RA-pwarlheadquarters@pa.gov) or [jeparisi@pa.gov](mailto:jeparisi@pa.gov)

# Adult Protective Services Media Toolkit

# APS Media Toolkit

- Developed a media toolkit designed for facilities, mandatory reporters, and community members to assist in the awareness of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and abandonment of adults ages 18 to 59 living with a disability within the Commonwealth.
  - Resources can be found at [Adult Protective Services Media Toolkit](#)
- The PA Department of Human Services will be publishing information on:
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PAHumanServices>
  - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PAHumanServices>
- If you have any questions regarding the materials found in the Toolkit or have suggestions of additional resources please contact the APS Division at [RA-PWAPSQuestions@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWAPSQuestions@pa.gov)



# Older Adult Protective Services (OAPSA)

# Statistics

- **Who is reporting?**
  - Family members
  - Hospitals
  - In terms of mandatory reporters ... SNF and HHCA
- **Types of abuse being reported?**
  - Self Neglect
  - Caregiver Neglect
  - Financial Exploitation
- **Who are the alleged victims?**
  - Caucasian
  - Widowed
  - Women (62%)
  - 71-80 years old
  - Living alone in their own home
- **Where is abuse occurring?**
  - 47% -- Older adult's home
  - 19% -- Older adult's apartment
  - 18% -- SNF
  - 4% -- PCH

# What are we seeing?

- Cases from Facilities
  - Caregiver neglect
    - Service/Care plans not followed or implemented consistently
    - Falls with fractures
    - Resident to Resident
      - » Physical abuse
      - » Sexual abuse
- Cases from Community
  - Self Neglect; underscores need for:
    - Need for additional staff to provide services
    - Need for additional collaborations at the local level
  - Caregiver Neglect; Unable to staff cases, failure to provide services
  - Exploitation by family members and caregivers

# Updates

- 5 Federal Grants
  - Technology enhancements
    - New database; improved data collection and analysis
    - Secure platform for information sharing between PS and banks
    - Interface between state agencies for enhanced information sharing
  - Enhanced Training for PS Investigators
  - Toolkit and training for law enforcement
  - Training resources for public and providers (videos, brochures, etc.)
- Continue to advocate for the passage of OAPSA revisions
  - Changes to background check provisions
  - Expands mandatory reporting
  - Allows for further collaboration between PS and Financial Institutions

# Questions?

