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TO: Medicaid Managed Care Organizations
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FROM: Office of Health Insurance Programs

SUBJECT: Implementation of Minimum Needs Requirement for Personal Care and Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services (PCS/CDPAS) and Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) Enrollment

The Department of Health (Department) is announcing the implementation of the Minimum Needs requirement for personal care and consumer directed personal assistance services (PCS/CDPAS) and MLTC enrollment eligibility, as outlined in Social Services Law § 365-a, Social Services Law § 365-f, 18 NYCRR §§ 505.14 and 505.28, and PHL § 4403-f.

Effective September 1, 2025, any individual initially seeking PCS/CDPAS and/or MLTC enrollment through the assessment process must also¹ be assessed to meet the following Minimum Needs criteria to be eligible for PCS/CDPAS and/or MLTC enrollment:

- Needing at least limited assistance with physical maneuvering with more than two activities of daily living (ADLs); or
- Individuals with a diagnosis by a physician of Dementia or Alzheimer's as needing at least supervision with more than one ADL.

The Minimum Needs requirement does not apply to the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) enrollment.

This new requirement will not apply to individuals who are receiving PCS/CDPAS and/or are continuously enrolled in an MLTC plan as of September 1, 2025. These individuals will continue to be eligible under the previous criteria.

Please continue to check the Department website for additional details:

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/nyiap/repository/index.htm.

¹ PCS/CDPAS and MLTC enrollment include additional requirements not addressed in this notice.