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**Continuity of Care Policy for Managed Long Term Care**

Managed Long Term Care Plans (MLTCPs) must ensure that individuals transitioning from Medicaid fee-for-service to Managed Long Term Care have continuity of the long term care services they are currently receiving. Mandatory enrollment into MLTC will begin in New York City. The following are the requirements the New York City MLTCPs must adhere to in order to achieve that goal for their new members. Other counties will become mandatory as plan capacity is established. Any additional county-specific requirements for continuity of care will be released as other counties become mandatory.

For the purpose of this policy, long term care services include Personal Care, Long Term Home Health Care Program, Home Health Care over 120 days, Adult Day Care, and Private Duty Nursing.

The first target group being transitioned into MLTC in New York City is the population in receipt of Personal Care. When mandatory Managed Long Term Care is initiated, New York City MLTC plans will be required to contract with all Home Attendant Vendors contracted to the Human Resources Administration (HRA) as of April 1, 2012. This will enable Personal Care recipients to retain their current aide. This policy applies only to individuals transitioning from the Personal Care fee-for-service program.

Managed Long Term Care Plans will be required to submit a plan identifying the steps and mechanisms that will be used to assure continuity of care for new enrollees that are transitioning from any long term care service. The transition plans for these enrollees must be filed with the Department in order for the plan to be eligible to participate in auto assignment.

This policy will be effective from July 1, 2012 to February 28, 2014.