

Discussion Document: Options for Possible MLTSS Models

Strengthen Existing LTSS System

Moderate Expansion of MLTSS

Significant Expansion of MLTSS

Full Transition to MLTSS

Description of Potential Model

Implement opportunities for improvement within current LTSS system, such as:

- Independent, conflict-free options counseling
- Common quality measures across all programs
- Common, integrated assessment processes across all programs
- Consistent person-centered planning processes across all programs
- Risk-stratified, integrated care management model

Existing LTSS programs (Home Help, MI Choice, MI Health Link, Nursing Facilities, and PACE) could retain current structure, with improvements to the overall system and within specific programs.

Expanded MLTSS options for **dually eligible individuals**, which might entail:

- ICOs at full risk for coordination of physical and LTSS benefits
- Could expand MI Health Link ICO model statewide, or use another statewide approach, such as a Dual-Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)
- Could expand PACE to new regions, if feasible
- Could retain MI Choice, Nursing Facilities, and Home Help in current form

In addition, this model would include all elements described in “Strengthen Existing System” option.

Expanded MLTSS options for **dually eligible individuals and Medicaid-only individuals with a nursing facility level of care**, which might entail:

- MCOs at full risk for coordination of physical and LTSS benefits
- Could expand MI Health Link ICO model statewide and develop a statewide MLTSS product for individuals with a nursing facility level of care statewide
- Could expand PACE to new regions, where feasible
- Potential changes to MI Choice and Nursing Facilities program structures
- Could retain Home Help in current form

In addition, this model would include all elements described in “Strengthen Existing System” option.

Expansion of MLTSS to **all consumers receiving Medicaid LTSS**, which might entail:

- MCOs at full risk for coordinating physical health and LTSS benefits
- MLTSS for all consumers who receive LTSS, including duals, individuals with a nursing facility level of care, and individuals receiving personal care services
- Could use MI Health Link as the underlying foundation, with statewide expansion and new MCO contracts for Medicaid-only consumers
- Could retain PACE as an LTSS option and expand to new regions/populations, where feasible
- Potential changes to MI Choice, Nursing Facilities, and Home Help program structures

In addition, this model would include all elements described in “Strengthen Existing System” option.

Potential Outcomes for Consumers and the State of Michigan

- Consumers could be more empowered to choose among LTSS options
- LTSS system could be more effective and efficient
- LTSS system could promote consumers’ abilities to receive services in the setting of their choice

- Greater integration/alignment of Medicare and Medicaid benefits for duals
- Could incorporate lessons learned from MI Health Link implementation to enhance consumer experience

- Potential to promote consumers’ abilities to receive services in the settings of their choice, by providing MCOs incentives for nursing facility transition and diversion

- Would move state closest to MLTSS for all consumers
- More administrative simplicity for the state and consumers
- Could provide most seamless consumer experience, as MCOs would serve as primary point of contact for coordination of all services