



Department
of Health

Long Term Care 2020-21 Budget Implementation

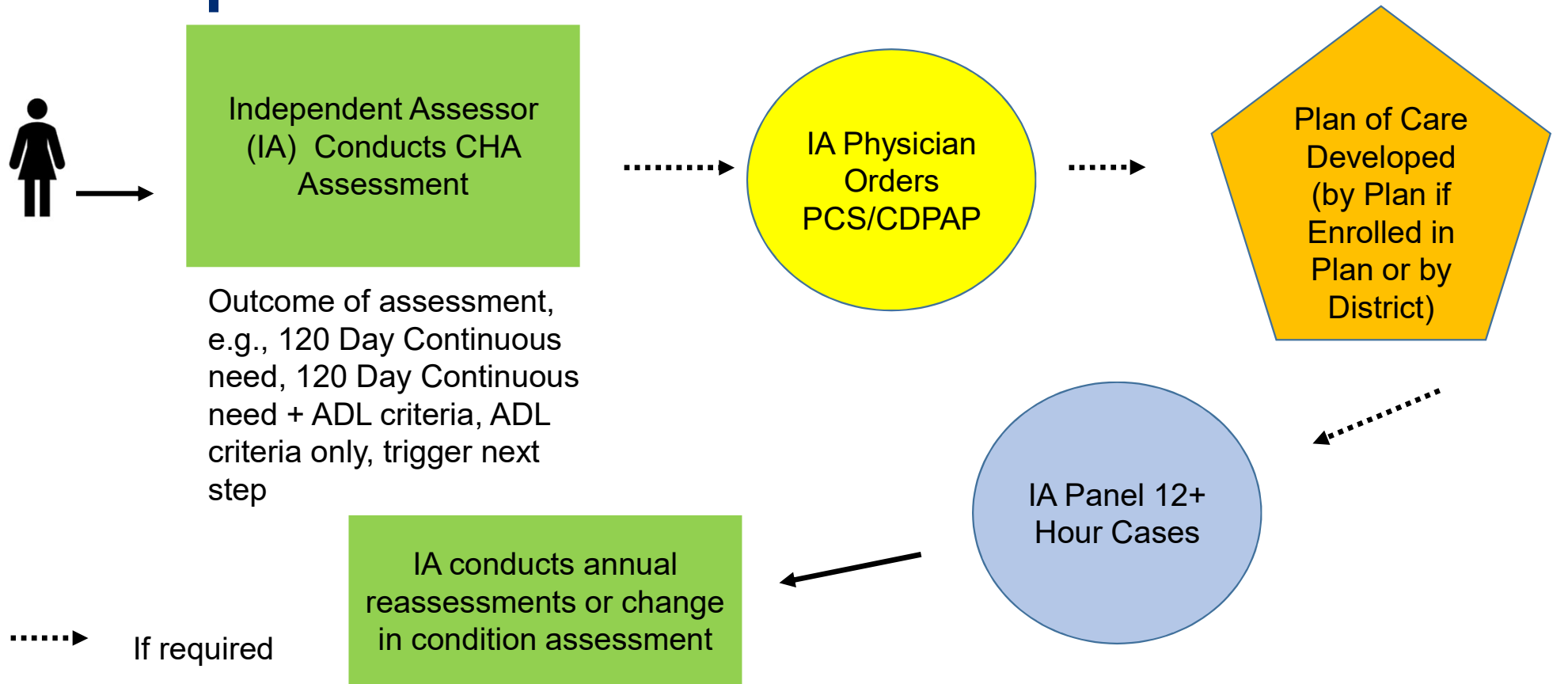
**Independent Assessor, Personal Care Services/Consumer
Directed Personal Assistance Program**

June 4, 2020

Independent Assessor (IA)

- Independent Assessor (IA) – Target Implementation Date October 1, 2020
- IA activities will initially be implemented under Conflict Free Conflict Free Evaluation and Enrollment Center (CFEEC) contract with the State's enrollment broker (Maximus) and then transition to procured vendor on October 1, 2022
- IA Role: Community Health Assessments (CHA) and Reassessments, Physician's Orders for Personal Care Services (PCS) and Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), Panel Review of 12+ Hours Per Day Cases
- Other changes that impact IA:
 - Change in frequency of CHA (October 1, 2020)
 - Change in Eligibility Criteria for PCS and CDPAP (October 1, 2020)
 - Change in Eligibility Criteria for Managed Long Term Care Partial (MLTCP) and Medicaid Advantage Plus Plans (January 1, 2021)

Independent Assessor Role



Continued Role of the Plans

- The plan will develop and update the plan of care (no change from current practice)
 - The IA conducted CHA is only one element in developing a care plan
 - Plans can continue to engage members and perform all other activities to develop a plan of care
 - The IA will not develop plans of care and none of its activities will make recommendations for hours
- Plans will continue to provide service authorizations for PCS and CDPAP
- Plans will continue to have access to the UAS / CHAs in the same way it does today (business need, case list, member enrolled roster)

Care Management Flexibility

- Initiative provides MLTC Partial and MAP plans the option of developing alternative care management models
- May include providing stratified care management models based on similar needs or risk profiles of members
- For example, a plan could base the frequency and type of care management activities on the enrollee's level of acuity and risk.
- Alternative care management models could include altering current requirements (e.g., monthly phone call).
- Alternative care management models would be reviewed and approved by DOH

Implementation Activities

- Implementation of LTC Budget Initiatives will include:
 - PCS CDPAP Regulations
 - State Plan Amendment
 - Model Contract Changes
 - 1115 Amendment (Change in eligibility criteria for MLTCP and MAP)