

Methodology For Determination of PCS Expanded Hours

Based on Session Law 2013-306

For the PCS Stakeholder Meeting

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How PCS Eligibility and Authorized Hours Are Determined

- Based On Completed and Validated Assessment
 - ✓ Assessors complete the assessment
 - ✓ Once the assessment is completed, it is processed and validated in the PCS IT system, called QiRePort, to ensure the assessment is complete.
 - ✓ QiRePort determines eligibility and, for eligibles, determines the authorized PCS hours
- QiRePort Scoring for Eligibility and Authorized Hours
 - ✓ Rule-based -- reflecting current PCS 3L policy
 - ✓ Computerized – performed by QiRePort
 - ✓ Determines if person is eligible for basic PCS service
 - ✓ If eligible, determines PCS hours and applies applicable maximum hours limit.

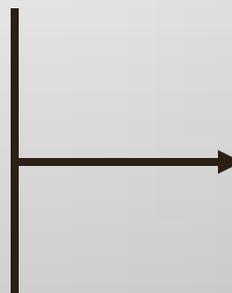
Recap Current Scoring

(Prior to introduction of the SL 2013-306 provisions)

Current Eligibility Determination Process

- Based on Beneficiary's Activities of Daily Living

- ✓ Bathing/personal hygiene
- ✓ Dressing
- ✓ Mobility
- ✓ Toileting
- ✓ Eating and Meal Preparation



The PCS assessment is organized to evaluate each of the beneficiary's ADLs independently.

- Determination of Qualifying ADLs

- ✓ Criterion 1. Level of assistance need
 - Requires at least limited hands-on assistance or greater for the ADL
- ✓ Criterion 2. Frequency of assistance need
 - Requires a PCS weekly need frequency of "1" day or greater for at least one ADL task need

Current PCS eligibility criteria – At least 3 of the 5 ADLs indicate that the beneficiary needs at least limited assistance. OR at least two ADLs where the beneficiary needs either extensive or total assistance for at least one of the two ADLs

Calculation Steps for Authorized Hours

- Step 1. Determine Base Minutes Per Day For Qualifying ADLs.
 - ✓ Based on current 3L policy provisions
- Step 2. Determine Additional Medication Assistance Need.
- Step 3. Calculate Weekly Minutes. (Confirm minimum daily)
- Step 4. Determine If There Are Other Special Needs.
 - ✓ Special assistance and monitoring needs
 - ✓ Delegated medical monitoring tasks
 - ✓ Exacerbating conditions affecting ADL performance
 - ✓ Environmental conditions affecting beneficiary safety/ADL supports
- Step 5. Add Extra Weekly Minutes To Account For Special Needs.
 - ✓ Up to 25% in extra time can be added:
- Step 6. Calculate Total Monthly Hours.
- Step 7. Limit PCS Hours, If Needed, Based On Policy.
 - ✓ 80 hours per month for adults; 60 hours for individuals under age 21

Proposed Method for Implementing the Expanded Hours Provision of SL 2013-306

Overall Approach

- Use The Current PCS Assessment Tool and Process
- Identify Assessment Information That Can “Translate” the SL 2013-306 Eligibility Criteria Into A Scoring Methodology
- Modify the Current QiRePort Scoring Routines To Incorporate Eligibility Determination For Expanded Hours

Translation of SL Eligibility To Scoring

- Requires Increased Level of Supervision
 - ✓ Beneficiary requires 24 hour caregiver availability and/or
- Requires Caregivers W/Training or Experience For Individuals Who Have a Degenerative Disease
 - ✓ Qualifying medical conditions
- Requires A Physical Environment ...To Safeguard the Recipient Because of ...Gradual Memory Loss...etc.
 - ✓ Presence of cognitive impairment
- Recipient Has a History of Safety Concerns:
 - ✓ Verbally Abusive
 - ✓ Wandering
 - ✓ Combative/Injurious to Other/Injurious to Self/Repetitive Behaviors
 - ✓ Hyperactivity
 - ✓ Gait Abnormality/Lack of Balance

Calculation Of Expanded Hours

Three Additional Steps Introduced Into Current PCS Scoring

- Step 8. Determine If Beneficiary Meets the Eligibility Criteria For Expanded Hours
- Step 9. Determine What the Modified Maximum Hours Should Be
- Step 10. Determine What Total Hours Will Be Approved.

Step 8. Determine Eligibility For Expanded Hours

- Must Be Eligible For PCS – sufficient qualifying ADLs
- If Eligible For PCS, assess for expanded hours eligibility
 - ✓ Presence of physician attestation for expanded hours on the Service Request
 - ✓ One or more qualifying medical conditions as documented on the assessment

Eligibility -- Physician Attestation

SECTION E. PHYSICIAN ATTESTATION:

The beneficiary requires an increased level of supervision.

The beneficiary requires caregivers with training or experience in caring for individuals who have a degenerative disease, characterized by irreversible memory dysfunction, that attacks the brain and results in impaired memory, thinking, and behavior, including gradual memory loss, impaired judgment, disorientation, personality change, difficulty in learning, and the loss of language skills.

Regardless of setting, the beneficiary requires a physical environment that includes modifications and safety measures to safeguard the beneficiary because of the beneficiary's gradual memory loss, impaired judgment, disorientation, personality change, difficulty in learning, and the loss of language skills.

The beneficiary exhibits safety concerns related to inappropriate wandering, ingestion, aggressive behavior, and an increased incidence of falls.

Referring Entity/Practitioner Signature: _____ Date: _____
_____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Assessment Need Indicators Used To Determine Increase in Maximum Hours

- Exacerbating Conditions (Section O of Assessment)
 - ✓ Cognitive Impairment
 - ✓ Wandering
 - ✓ Verbally abusive
 - ✓ Combative
 - ✓ Injurious to Others
 - ✓ Injurious to Self/Repetitive Behaviors
 - ✓ Hyperactivity
 - ✓ Gait Abnormality
 - ✓ Lack of Balance
- Beneficiary Requires 24 hour Caregiver Availability to Ensure Patient Safety (Section D. of the Assessment)
- Beneficiary Has One or More Qualifying Medical Conditions (Section D of the Assessment)

No weighting of
the selected
indicators

Step 9. Calculation Of Maximum Hours

- Determine What Need Indicators (Conditions) Are Present
- Sum the Number of Need Indicators That Are Present
- Adjust the Maximum Hours To Reflect the Presence of the Need Indicators
 - ✓ 1 condition – Increase max hrs by 10 hrs/mo
 - ✓ 2 conditions – Increase max hrs by 20 hrs/mo
 - ✓ 3 conditions – Increase max hrs by 30 hrs/mo
 - ✓ 4 or more conditions – Increase max hrs by 50 hrs/mo

Adults – Current limit is 80 hours

Step 10. Calculate Authorized Hours

- Retrieve the Underlying Hours Determination Based on ADL Needs
 - ✓ As determined under the current scoring logic.
- Retrieve the Applicable Max Hours Adjusted for SL 2013-306
- Compare The Two Results For Beneficiaries Eligible for Expanded Hours
 - ✓ Select the higher of the two for the authorized hours in instances where the beneficiary is eligible for expanded hours and the underlying hours are in excess of 80 hours for adults and 60 hours for beneficiaries under age 21.

Illustration of Scoring

- SCU Example 1.
 - ✓ Current computed PCS hours need – 77 hours
 - ✓ Current hours **authorized** – **77 hours**
 - ✓ Number of expanded hours need indicators – 2
 - ✓ New max hours limit – 100 hours (77 hours raised to 100 hours)
 - ✓ New hours **authorized** -- **100 hours** (the higher of the two)

Questions