

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices 2024 Participant Handbook

provide the services and supports in your PCSP and the amount and type of service they should provide. Your providers cannot provide the LTSS services in your PCSP until they have the approval from **AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC**.

Your service coordinator must talk with you about your LTSS at least once every 3 months by phone or in-person to make sure you are getting your LTSS and that your LTSS are meeting your needs. At least 2 of these visits must be in-person every year.

Person-Centered Planning Team

To assist with the person-centered planning process, your service coordinator will help you to identify important people to join your Person-Centered Planning Team (PCPT). PCPT members may include your friends, family, medical providers, HCBS providers or anybody else you would like to be involved in planning your services. Your service coordinator will work with you and PCPT members to make sure your needs are met.

Service Descriptions

Home- and Community-Based Services

Home- and community-based services (HCBS) are services and supports provided in your home and community. HCBS help older adults and persons with disabilities live independently and stay in their homes. Services include help with activities of daily living, or ADLs (for example, eating and bathing) and instrumental activities of daily living, or IADLs (for example, preparing meals and grocery shopping).

AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC covers the following HCBS:

- **Adult Daily Living Services** – Day services in a community-based center to help with personal care, social, nutritional, and therapeutic needs, 4 or more hours a day on a regular schedule for one or more days every week.
- **Assistive Technology** – An item, piece of equipment, or product system to increase or maintain ability to communicate or do things for yourself as much as possible.
- **Behavior Therapy** – Services to assess a participant, develop a home treatment/support plan, train family members/staff and provide technical assistance to carry out the plan, and monitor the participant in the implementation of the plan.
- **Benefits Counseling** – Counseling about whether having a job will increase your ability to support yourself and/or have a net financial benefit.

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- Career Assessment – Review of your interests and strengths to identify potential career options.
- Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy – Services for participants with brain injury that include consultation with a therapist, ongoing counseling, and coaching or cueing that focus on helping the participant to function in real-world situations.
- Community Integration – Short-term services to improve self-help, communication, socialization, and other skills needed to live in the community, provided during life-changing events such as a moving from a nursing home, moving to a new community or from a parent's home, or other change that requires new skills.
- Community Transition Services – One-time expenses, such as security deposits, moving expenses, and household products, for participants who move from an institution to their own home, apartment or other living arrangement.
- Counseling Services – Counseling for a participant to help resolve conflicts and family issues, such as helping the participant to develop and keep positive support networks, improve personal relationships, or improve communication with family members or others.
- Employment Skills Development – Learning and work experiences, including volunteer work, where the participant can develop strengths and skills to be able to get a job that pays good wages.
- Home Adaptations – Physical changes to a participant's home to make the home safe and enable the participant to be more independent in the home.
- Home Delivered Meals – Prepared meals delivered to participants who cannot prepare or get nutritious meals for themselves.
- Home Health Aide – Services ordered by a doctor that include personal care such as help with bathing, monitoring a participant's medical condition, and help with walking, medical equipment, and exercises.
- Job Coaching – Support to help learn a new job and keep a job that pays. Could include helping the participant to develop natural supports in the workplace and working with employers or employees, coworkers, and customers to make it possible for the participant to have a paid job.
- Job Finding – Help in finding potential jobs and helping the participant get a job that fits what he or she wants to and can do and the employer's needs.

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- Non-Medical Transportation – Tickets, tokens, and mileage reimbursement to help a participant get to community and other activities
- Nursing – Services of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse that are ordered by a doctor, which include diagnosing and treating health problems through health teaching, health counseling, and skilled care prescribed by the doctor or a dentist.
- Nutritional Consultation – Services to help the participant and a paid and unpaid caregiver in planning meals that meet the participant’s nutritional needs and avoid any problem foods.
- Occupational Therapy – Services of an occupational therapist ordered by a doctor, which include evaluating a participant’s skills and helping to change daily activities so that the participant can perform activities of daily living.
- Participant-Directed Community Supports – Services and support for participants who want to direct their services, hire their own workers, and keep a budget for their services under Services My Way, which include helping the participant with basic living skills such as eating, drinking, toileting; and household chores such as shopping, laundry, and cleaning; and help with participating in community activities.
- Participant-Directed Goods and Services – Services, equipment, or supplies for participants who want to direct their services and keep a budget for their services under Services My Way, so that they can be safe and independent in their homes and be part of their community.
- Personal Assistant Services – Hands-on help for activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, dressing, and toileting.
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) – An electronic device which is connected to a participant’s phone and programmed to signal a response center with trained staff when the participant presses a portable “help” button to get help in an emergency.
- Pest Eradication – Services to remove insects and other pests from a participant’s home that, if not treated, would prevent the participant from staying in the community due to a risk of health and safety.
- Physical Therapy – Services of a physical therapist and ordered by a doctor, which include evaluation and treatment of a participant to limit or prevent disability after an injury or illness.

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- Residential Habilitation – Services delivered in a provider-owned or provider-operated setting where the participant lives, which include community integration, nighttime assistance, personal assistance services to help with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, eating, mobility, and toileting, and instrumental activities of daily living such as cooking, housework, and shopping, so that the participant get the skills needed to be as independent as possible and fully participate in community life.
- Respite – Short-term service to support a participant when the unpaid caregiver is away or needs relief.
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies – Items that allow a participant to increase or maintain the ability to perform activities of daily living.
- Speech Therapy – Services of a licensed American Speech-Language-Hearing associate or certified speech-language pathologist and ordered by a doctor, which include evaluation, counseling, and rehabilitation of a participant with speech disabilities.
- Structured Day Habilitation – Day services in a small group setting directed to preparing a participant to live in the community, which include supervision, training, and support in social skills training.
- Telecare – 3 services that use technology to help a participant be as independent as possible:
 - Health Status Measuring and Monitoring TeleCare Services – uses wireless technology or a phone line to collect health-related data such as pulse and blood pressure to help a provider know what the participant’s condition is and providing education and consultation.
 - Activity and Sensor Monitoring TeleCare Service – uses sensor-based technology 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by remotely monitoring and passively tracking participants’ daily routines.
 - Medication Dispensing and Monitoring TeleCare Service – helps a participant by dispensing medicine and monitoring whether the participant is taking the medicine as prescribed.
- Vehicle Modifications – Physical changes to a car or van that is used by a participant with special needs, even if the car or van is owned by a family member with whom the participant lives or another person who provides the main support to the participant, so that the participant can use the car or van.