OLTL Holds Listening Sessions on Attendant Care and Aging Waivers

The Office of Long Term Living (OLTL), an office created to span issues addressed by the Departments of Aging and Public Welfare Office of Social Programs, Bureau of Home and Community-Based Services, the Office of Medical Assistance Programs, Bureau of Long Term Care Programs, and the Office of Health Care Reform, has scheduled listening sessions to gather community input on the Attendant Care and Aging Waivers. These waivers are eligible for renewal in spring 2008. OLTL will review the waivers in order to promote consistency and to comply with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements and welcomes public comment. Sessions are scheduled as follows:

January 23    Messiah Senior Community Center    324 Howard St    Williamsport
January 24    Lew Davies Community Building    1034 Park Ave    Meadville
January 30    Westmoreland County Community College 145 Pavilion Ln    Youngwood
February 5    The Rutherford House    3300 Parkview Ln    Harrisburg
February 6    The Human Services Center    1430 DeKalb St    Norristown

The Aging Waiver will be addressed from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at each location. The Attendant Care Waiver will be discussed during afternoon sessions from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Individuals who would like to present comments are requested to email RA-acwrenewal@state.pa.us or call 717-772-2525 at least two days before the session to schedule the presentation. The individual’s name, address, telephone number, full comments, and the intended session must be identified. The information can also be mailed to:

Office of Long Term Living
ATTN: Listening Sessions
PO Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Comments may also be submitted the day of the session. Commenters are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Oral testimony is limited to five minutes and individuals will be notified of their scheduled time before the listening session. Persons requiring accommodations are requested to follow the above procedure, but to make the contact at least two weeks prior to the session to allow for necessary arrangements.

Providers and individuals are encouraged to raise issues related to behavioral health services needs of persons served by these waivers. Address questions to the OLTL at 717-772-2525.