

Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Rate Tiers



Community Health Assessment (CHA)

- Robust, standardized assessment tool completed by LTSS Specialists
- Measures a person's objective performance and capacity in a variety of areas
- Completed upon initial referral/admission to an Assisted Living Center (ALC) and yearly thereafter, or more frequently when a significant change occurs
- Used to assess an individual's health status and determine the need for services
 - Identifies functional status, health conditions, social supports, informal supports, and community supports/integration.

Community Health Assessment (CHA)

- Helps to identify specific problems, concerns, or risks for functional decline, known as triggers
- Triggers from the completed CHA link the assessment to a series of Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPs)
- CAPs help guide the care planning process
- CHA is used to determine functional eligibility/level of care for HOPE waiver
 - Hands on assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)
 - Daily nursing services
 - Weekly therapy (PT/OT/ST)
 - Weekly mental health services

RUG Scores

- Each completed CHA produces a Resource Utilization Group (RUG) score
 - Algorithms determine the RUG score based on how items are coded on the CHA
 - Identifies acuity level and specific service needs of the individual
 - Similar to the MDS 3.0 Assessment and resulting RUG score/case mix weight

RUG Scores and Rate Tiers

- 3 Rate Tiers were established for Structured Family Caregiving (SFC) and Community Living Homes (CLH)
- RUG Score determines which rate tier an individual falls into
 - Tier 1: low ADL score (<6), not medically complex, and no behaviors
 - Tier 2: moderate-high ADL score (>6) and/or medically complex but no behaviors
 - Tier 3: Behaviors present, regardless of ADL status or medical complexity

Consideration for Potential ALC Rate Tiers

- Incontinence as a potential factor for rate tiers
- Significant change in status
 - CHA assessment is based on a 3 day lookback period (snapshot in time)
 - If a significant change in status occurs (decline or improvement), a new CHA would need to be completed in a timely manner to capture the potential new RUG score/rate tier
 - It would be important that the ALC contact LTSS to complete the new assessment

Consideration for Potential ALC Rate Tiers

- Breakdown of current ALC HOPE Waiver recipients utilizing current rate tier structure:

Tier	Breakdown of current ALC HOPE Waiver recipients
Tier 1	90.43%
Tier 2	6.91%
Tier 3	2.66%

- Would need to establish rates specific to ALC rate tiers based on an established methodology