***Primer on Long Term Support Services***

***Through DDS and MassHealth Community LTSS***

***DDS Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) & Line Items***

**5911-2000 Transportation -**Assists individuals from home to day services and/or employment(if needed).

Some dollars also may embed in residential, and other accounts. Executive Office of Health and Human

Services (EOHHS) Human Transportation (HST) is the major source of funding for transportation, but it is restricted

between home & program (MassHealth, DDS or other state agency) or medical care appointments (MassHealth PT-1).

**5920-2000 Community Residential -**Services part-time or more at one’s own home or apartment, self-direction, shared living, and/or 24/7 community residential settings. Estimates of 8,200 individuals in 24/7, 1,500 in shared living, and undetermined number in residential self-direction.

**5920-2010 State-Operated community programs -**Staffed by state employees. An outgrowth of deinstitutionalization and part of labor agreements with employees. Estimated 1,000 people served.

**5920-2025 Day/Employment -**Employment services and community-based day supports. The Commonwealth closed sheltered work settings in 2017. Pre-COVID, nearly 10,000 served.

**5920-3000 Family Supports and Respite** Perhaps the most cost-effective of DDS’s programs, paying for a wide range of services for children and adults, including respite care, after school, social support, community safety, independent living, educational planning and support, medical supplies and services, adaptive equipment, etc.

**5920-3010 Autism Division Children** For children with autism, the account primarily funds behavioral, and social supports as well as information-referral and outreach services. Children up to age seven are served.

**5920-3020 Adult Autism Services** This line item (first funded in 2016) reflects the newly eligible adults for DDS and need to meet definition of developmental disabilities (DD) and also have autism, Prader-willi or Smith-magenis syndromes. Autism support centers play key role in the referral process.

**5920-3025 Aging w/DD** Develop strategies to serve persons who are aging and with conditions including dementia.

**5920-5000 Turning 22** Students graduating high school who require adult transition services-over 1,300 referred of which 300 estimated for DD and autism.. Future year funds appropriated to other line-items such as residential or day

**DDS 5930-1000 State Schools -**Remaining 2 institutions still operating with estimated total of 400 individuals. “Community First” Policy should result in closure of all facilities over time.

**5948-0012 & 7061-0012 DESE/DDS -**Helps students (after age 8 thru 22) with significant disabilities stay in their homes with their family/community on a voluntary basis rather than leaving family to enter residential schools.

***MassHealth Community Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)***

* **MassHealth is an entitlement.** As a result, if additional money may be appropriated through a deficiency budget not a supplemental allocation. Legislators do require as close a prediction of spending as possible given they make budget decisions on programs based on funding which is available. Program funding for LTSS may be embedded in one or more line-items, e.g., 4000-0700 & 4000-0601, along with many other expenses for services or goods.

***Human Services Transportation*** *–* Described in the DDS Transportation account.

***Adult Foster (or Family) Care (AFC****)* services provide 24-hour availability of assistance with personal care needs (i.e. assistance with ADLs and IADLs) by a live-in caregiver. An agency oversees the services to the member delivered by the caregiver. A MassHealth member receiving AFC services may live in their own home or home of the AFC caregiver. Family members but not guardians may be AFC caregivers.

***Day Habilitation (DH)*** services is one of the two major day programs for adults with for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The program aims to increase or prevent regression of members’ level of functioning, and to facilitate independent living and self-management in the community. Allied health therapies are a core part of the service (e.g., speech, occupational and physical therapies.) Pre-COVID over 10,000 served.

***The Personal Care Attendant (PCA)*** Program is a self-directed personal care program that provides assistance with personal care needs (i.e., assistance with ADLs and IADLs). The PCA is employed by the member referred to as “consumer”. Consumers or their surrogates are responsible for recruiting, hiring, training, firing, and supervising their PCAs. (ADL-activities of daily living, IADL-Instrumental ADL such as banking, shopping for clothes, etc.).

***Continuous skilled nursing (CSN)*** is a nurse visit of more than 2 consecutive provided to members in their home. CSN may be provided through a nurse employed or contracted by a Home Health Agency or by an independent nurse who independently enrolls as a provider in MassHealth to deliver CSN services. Though not provided to a large population, it is an essential service for our constituents with complex medical needs.

***Durable Medical Equipment (DME)*** -Covers products ranging from absorbent products to wheelchairs and communication devices.

***Adult Day Health (ADH)*** provides skilled nursing services and/or assistance with ADLs in a day setting; ADH is meant for older adults, at least 60 years plus. Sometimes the program is temporarily appropriate for adults with disabilities who are recovering from a significant medical event.

***Group Adult Foster Care (GAFC)***Similar to AFC but offered in group setting. Personal care provided under GAFC consists of the provision of assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), as well as care management and some nursing oversight of the personal care. GAFC services are provided by a direct care worker employed or contracted by the GAFC provider. Not ideal for our constituents as it requires a larger number of adults living together, and the staffing level is not conducive for skill development.