

Nursing Facility Transition Protocol

Targeted Home and Community-based Services (HCS) Waiver Slot for an Individual at Residing in a Nursing Facility (NF)

Purpose:

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) may make available a targeted NF HCS transition slot for an individual *at least* 21 years of age with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD) who currently resides in a nursing facility and who meets the criteria described below.

Criteria:

An individual is eligible for a targeted NF HCS transition slot if:

- (a) the individual is at least 21 years of age;
- (b) the individual currently resides in a nursing facility;
- (c) it is after the 30th day of the individual's admission if the individual was admitted to the nursing facility for rehabilitative purposes; and
- (d) the individual has expressed a desire to live in a community setting.

Procedure for Authorizing a Targeted NF HCS Transition Slot:

- (1) DADS authorizes a targeted NF HCS transition slot for an individual whose PASRR Evaluation (PE) indicates the individual's meets *all the criteria* listed above and sends a letter to the local intellectual and developmental disability authority (LIDDA) authorizing the LIDDA to offer the individual the opportunity to enroll in HCS.
- (2) If an individual expresses a desire to live in a community setting and the individual's PE indicates the individual meets the *criteria listed in (a)-(c)* above, the LIDDA service coordinator completes and submits Form 1046 to DADS. The form is available online at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/forms/1046/>.

Upon receipt, DADS staff reviews the completed Form 1046 and other documentation as necessary. DADS staff may request additional information or documentation. If DADS determines the individual meets the criteria for the targeted NF HCS transition slot, DADS will send a letter to the LIDDA authorizing the LIDDA to offer the individual the opportunity to enroll in HCS.

LIDDA Procedure for Enrollment Process:

Upon receipt of the authorization letter, the LIDDA initiates the enrollment process. The LIDDA is required to complete the enrollment process within 90 days after receipt of the authorization letter from DADS. If the LIDDA anticipates the individual's enrollment will not be completed within 90 days, it may request that DADS approve an extension (using Form 1045 - Request for HCS/TxHmL Enrollment Extension).