



## **\*AT A GLANCE\***

### **Choices for Care**

#### **Triggers for High Needs Wait List Referral for Clinical Review**

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*Contact your local Long-Term Clinical Coordinator if an individual on the High Needs Wait List has experienced a change in the following areas.*

**I. Clinical Status:** A change in any of the following areas may put an individual into the Highest Needs clinical category.

- Activities of Daily Living:*** Increased need in Toileting, Eating, Bed Mobility, Transferring.
- Cognition:*** Daily decision making skills (Severely impaired)
- Behavior:*** Wandering, verbal abuse, physical abuse, inappropriate behavior, resists care.
- Treatments:*** New Treatment(s) requiring skilled nursing on a daily basis.
- Unstable Medical Condition:*** New Unstable condition requiring skilled nursing on a daily basis.

**II. Special Circumstances:** Individuals who do not meet the Highest Needs clinical criteria may be enrolled in Choices for Care when the Department determines that the individual has a critical need for long-term care services due to special circumstances that may adversely affect the individual's safety. Special circumstances may include:

- Loss of primary caregiver (e. g. hospitalization of spouse, death of spouse);
- Loss of living situation (e. g. fire, flood);
- The individual's health and welfare shall be at imminent risk if services are not provided; or
- The individual's health condition would be at imminent risk or worsen if services are not provided.