

## o4a Talking Points

### “Say No to Proposed Expansion of MLTSS in Ohio”

- It’s too soon. MyCare Ohio is only in year 3 of a 5 year demonstration, and we don’t have any data to evaluate whether MLTSS is a better way to provide long-term services to our most vulnerable citizens.
- Moving LTSS into managed care does not save money, according to the Administration.
- PASSPORT is already well-coordinated care. The Area Agencies on Aging have a 30 year history of screening, assessment, care management and provider network management.
- The proposal requires all PASSPORT consumers to move to managed care insurance companies. PASSPORT consumers have given 95-99% satisfaction ratings over the years to the current AAA-administered PASSPORT program.
- Moving LTSS into managed care does not mean coordination of health care. In this way, it is different than the MyCare Ohio demonstration, which coordinates Medicaid LTSS with Medicare health care. MLTSS will not include coordination with health care, as Medicare, which covers the majority of health care costs for most individuals, is not going to be integrated in the new MLTSS proposal.
- Managed care insurance companies are large state and national corporations that do not have local networks and connections. There is less local accountability.
- PASSPORT funding makes up a significant portion of Area Agencies on Aging budgets – from 40- 85%. Moving PASSPORT out of the Area Agencies on Aging and into managed care will devastate the Area Agencies on Aging and greatly impact their ability to be the lynchpin of senior services in their communities.
- Area Agencies on Aging are community-driven. They are able to leverage a number of federal, state and local funds and programs to provide a holistic approach to services.
- Moving PASSPORT to managed care will result in a siloed effect where Medicaid is the default for all seniors and the community connection and a holistic approach will likely be lost.
- The Governor’s proposal exempts people with developmental disabilities from MLTSS. As a proven long-standing care coordinated system PASSPORT could and should be exempt as well.