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Community HealthChoices RFI

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Request For Information issued March 6, 2023. The Coalition For Choice (CFC) is a group of organizations that share a common interest. The CFC Mission Statement is as follows:

“To develop and advance self-directed programs of community-based long-term care services and supports for Medicaid eligible people with disabilities and seniors that ensure full participant input, choice, and control in Pennsylvania.”

The members include advocacy organizations and providers of various aspects community-based long-term care services and supports in Pennsylvania:

Acumen Fiscal Agent, Alleghenies UCP Service Coordination, Center for Independent Living of Central PA, Liberty Resources, PA Council on Independent Living, PA Association of Home and Community Based Service Providers, PALCO, Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association, Roads to Freedom Center for Independent Living, Service Coordination Unlimited, Inc, TEAM Services Group, Voices For Independence, and XtraGlobex.

The Coalition’s interest in responding to the Request For Information reflects the strong desire to ensure the adoption of basic principles that should be embedded in all home and community-based programs, including in the design and operation of Community HealthChoices going forward. These principles are paraphrased below from the CFC Guiding Values delineated at <https://coalitionforchoicepa.com/>.

- Embracing **Inclusion** of all stakeholders in all aspects of Community HealthChoices
- Urging **True Choice** in all programs through choice of provider
- Urging **True Control** of services through embracing the principles of independent living
- Supporting **Community Integration** that ensures services are delivered in the most integrated setting, and,
- Championing **Empowerment** through the principle of ‘Nothing About Us Without Us’ so that individuals are at the heart of decisions that affect their lives

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