

# **APPENDIX R**

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization** – An entity, operated by county government or licensed by the Commonwealth as a risk-bearing HMO or PPO, which manages the purchase and provision of Behavioral Health Services under an agreement with the Department.

**HealthChoices Program** – The name of Pennsylvania’s managed care program to provide mandatory managed health care to Medicaid recipients. The program is administered through Managed Care Organizations for physical, behavioral and long-term services and supports services.

**Community HealthChoices** – Community HealthChoices uses managed care organizations to coordinate physical health care and long-term services and supports (LTSS) for older persons, persons with physical disabilities, and Pennsylvanians who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid (dually eligible for MA and SSRP).

**Physical Health Managed Care Organization** – A risk bearing entity which has an agreement with the Department to manage the purchase and provision of Physical Health Services under the HealthChoices Program.

**Free Transit Program for Seniors** – A program that offers unrestricted free fixed route service to seniors 65 years of age or older. All state-funded fixed route providers in Pennsylvania fully participate in the program.

**Fixed Route Service** – Services provided on a repetitive, fixed schedule basis along a specific route with vehicles stopping to pick up and deliver passengers to specific locations: each fixed route trip serves the same origins and destinations, such as rail and bus.

**Shared Ride Service** – Demand-responsive door-to-door or curb-to-curb transportation services where the passengers must make trip requests at least one business day in advance of the trip and must be willing to share the vehicle with other passengers. The service must charge a fare for each trip and be available to the general public. The service must also occur during times and within an area established in advance as being available for general public service. Trips outside service for the general public is charged at a rate which covers the fully allocated cost of those trips.