



**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)  
Long-Term Care Division  
Assisted Living 1915(c) Waiver (ALW) Renewal  
Questions and Responses**

1. Can you clarify what this renewal and moving to tier 5 means to the programs?

**DHCS Response:** Tier 5 would not change the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) except to add a new level of service and payment to address the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injury so that they may be able to live in a residential care facility instead of remaining institutionalized. These individuals are unable to live independently without the additional attendant services that would be available through Tier 5.

2. Would this allow us to see and bill for patients that are in skilled nursing facilities?

**DHCS Response:** No, the addition of tier 5 would not allow for seeing or billing for patients that are in skilled nursing facilities.