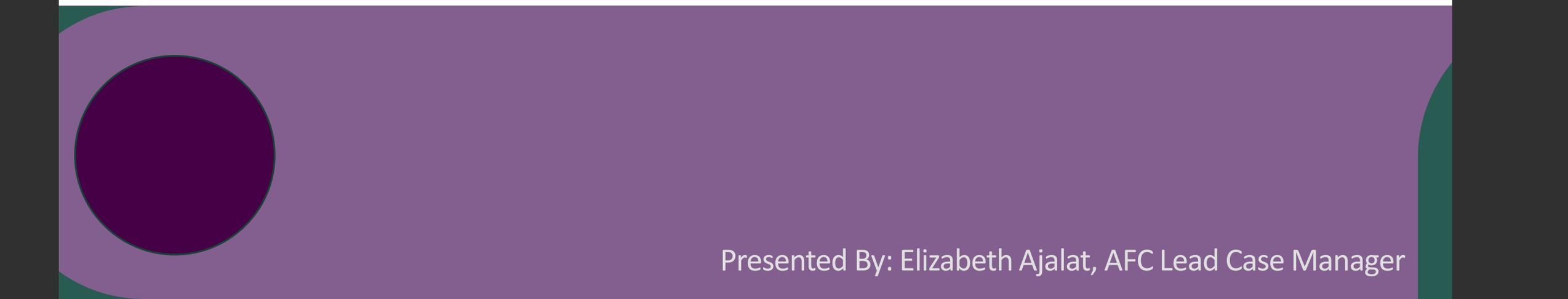




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Adult Family Care



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Here's what to expect...



Overview of the AFC program



Eligibility Requirements



Benefits of the AFC Program



The Intake Process

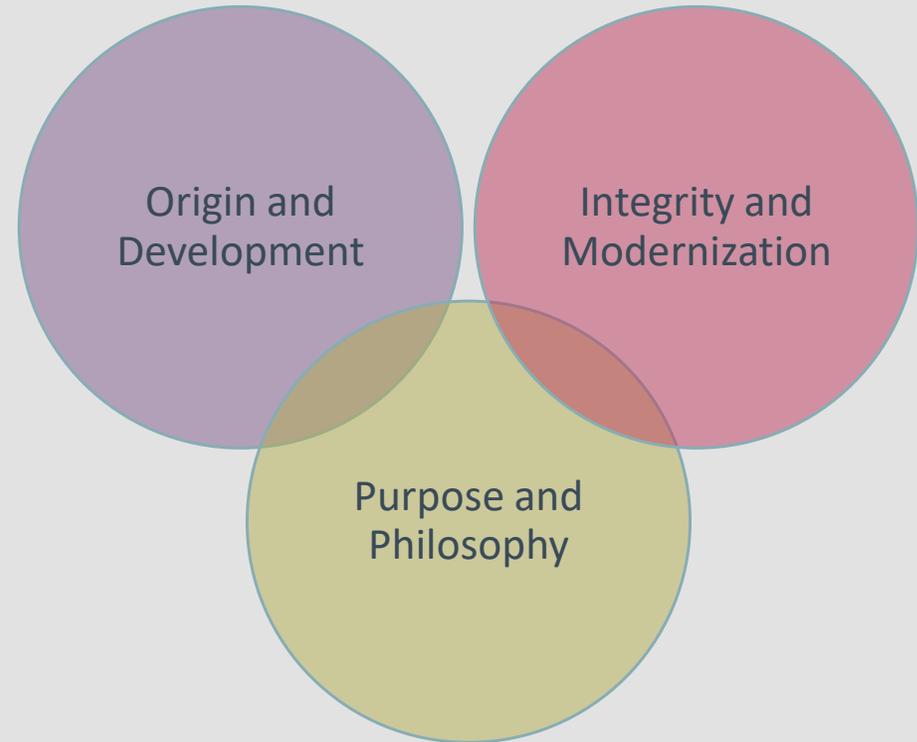


Program Comparison:
AFC vs PCM



How to make a Referral

What is Adult Family Care?



Origin and Development

1970s: The AFC program began as a pilot initiative in Massachusetts during the mid-1970s. It started with just seven member agencies, aiming to help older adults remain in home settings by matching them with live-in caregivers.

Growth Over Time: Since its inception, the program has expanded significantly. Today, there are over 100 AFC agencies across the Commonwealth, serving more than 12,500 members

Purpose and Philosophy

The program was designed to prevent institutionalization by offering community-based care for individuals with disabilities and elders needing assistance with Activities of Daily Living.

It emphasizes person-centered care, allowing individuals to live in private homes with qualified caregivers, often family members or close friends.

Integrity and Modernization

In recent years, the AFC program has seen enhancements such as:

Accreditation requirements

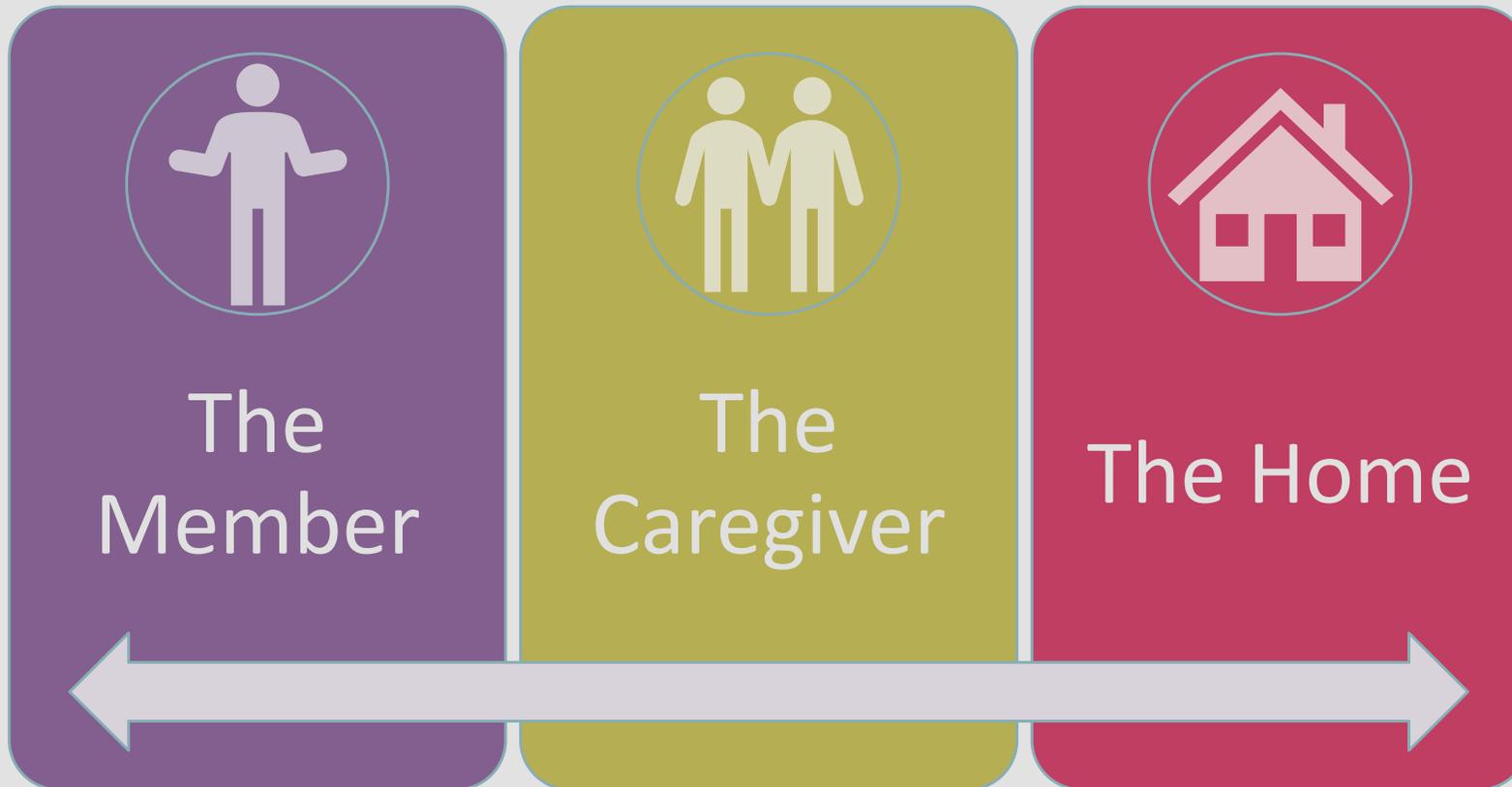
Prior authorization systems

Ongoing training

Long Story Short

The AFC program is a MassHealth funded program that provides adults with chronic disabilities and their live-in caregivers with a dedicated support team comprised of a nurse and case manager, financial support, and on-going training.

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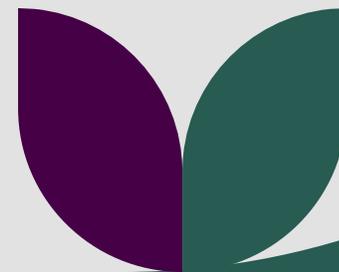
Member Requirements

Must be enrolled in MassHealth Standard or Commonwealth insurance

Must be at least 16 years old

Must require cueing and supervision with ≥ 1 ADL daily

The member must be able to be safely cared for in a home setting



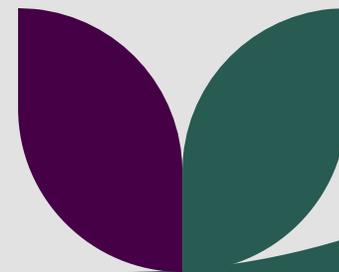
Caregiver Requirements

Must be at least 18 years old

Must be able to pass a Cori, Sori, and OIG checks

Cannot be the legal guardian or spouse of the person they're caring for

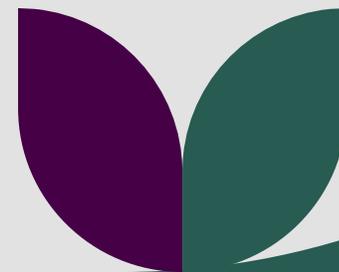
Must be able to ensure the member has oversight 24/7



Qualified Setting Requirements

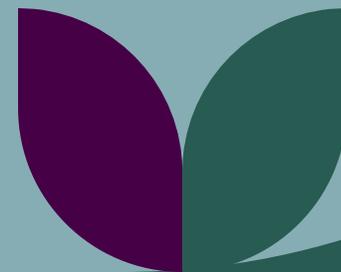
The home must be able to pass a thorough home inspection where the following are assessed:

- Cleanliness
- Safety
- Member Privacy
- Member Autonomy





Benefits of the AFC Program



AFC Benefits

Your loved one getting to live where they're most comfortable

Monthly home visits from a care team comprised of a nurse and a case manager

Comprehensive case oversight which is inclusive of resources and referrals

Access to a 24/7 on-call phone that can be utilized in case of emergencies

Monthly trainings for the caregiver delivered in the form of a newsletter

**\$10,220 to \$18,790
Annually**

The Intake Process



Referral



Intake Call



Intake Visit



Submit for Prior Authorization



Placement Visit

AFC vs. PCM

	AFC	PCM
Oversight	AFC vets a live-in caregiver supported by a team	PCM is consumer-driven allowing individuals to hire and manage PCAs
Eligibility Criteria	AFC requires supervision in at least one ADL for ages 16+	PCM requires help with two or more ADLs for ages 3+
Payment	AFC provides a tax-free monthly stipend with 24/7 emergency support.	PCM pays hourly wages subject to taxes
Who can be a caregiver	Anyone except for spouse or legal guardian. Caregiver must live with member.	Anyone except for spouse, legal guardian, or surrogate.
Frequency of Contact	Once onboarding is complete, monthly home visits	Once onboarding is complete, quarterly home visits first year, annually thereafter and/or as needed .

Meet a Northeast Arc AFC family



How to Make a Referral



Online

<https://ne-arc.org/services/residential-and-living-supports/adult-family-care/>

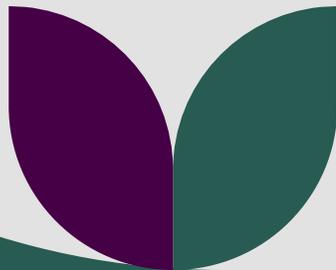
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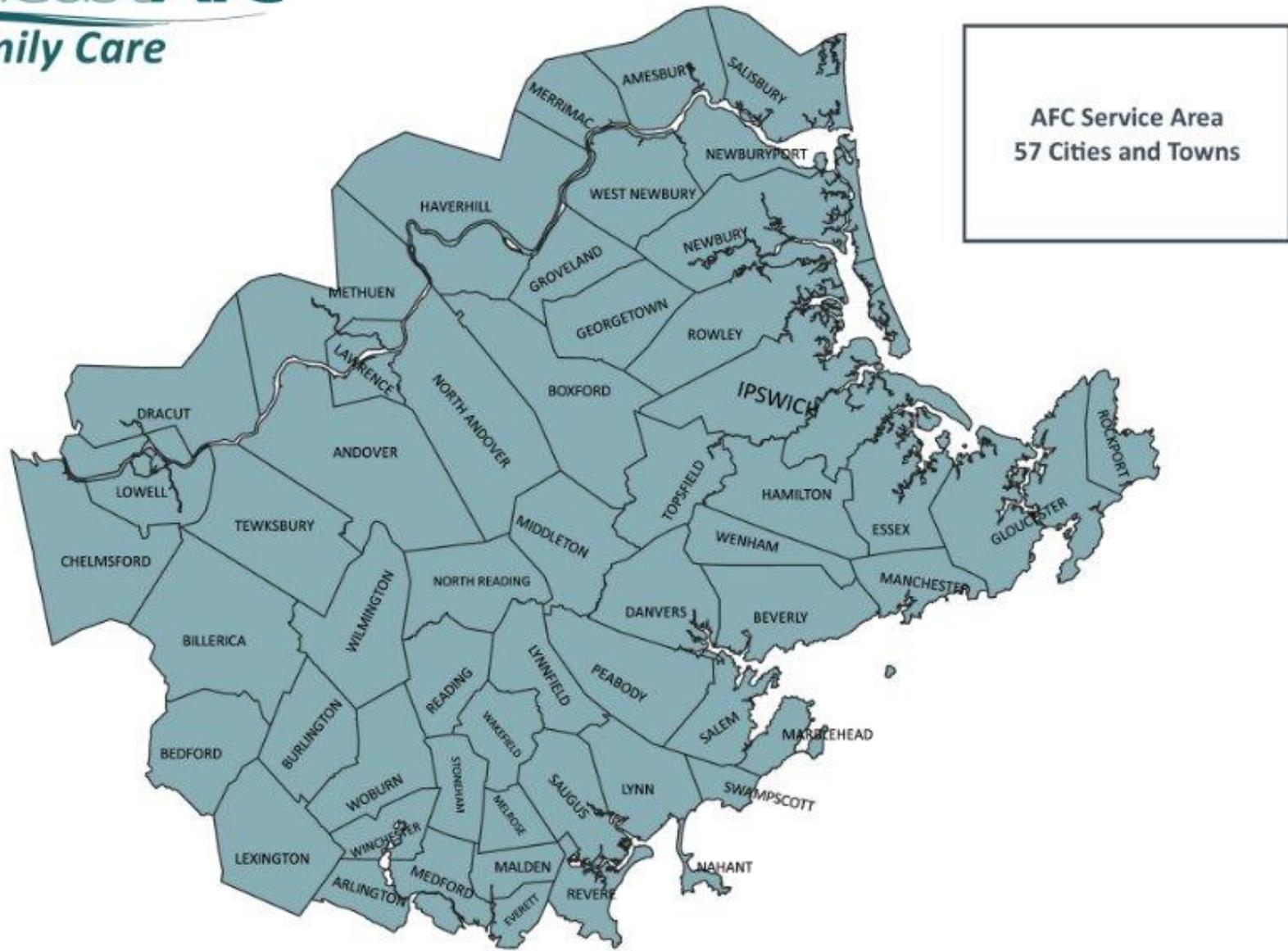
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