



New Choices Waiver

It's all about the choices



How to Qualify: **Skilled Nursing Route**

Applications are accepted year round on a first come, first served basis.

You must stay 90 days in a skilled nursing facility and be medically eligible for long term Medicaid care. The application can be started after 60 days.

OR

Stay 30 days on a Medicare stay in a hospital or skilled nursing facility and be medically eligible for long term care under Medicaid at the end of the Medicare stay. The application can be started after 15 days.

How to Qualify: **Assisted Living Route**

Applications are accepted only during the open application periods:

- March 1 – March 14
- July 1 – July 14
- November 1 – November 14

Minimum stay of 365 days in assisted living facility. However, because generally more applications are received than there are slots, applications are ranked according to length of stay. Historically, the cutoff point has been much longer than 365 days.

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It's all about the **CHOICES.**

The New Choices Waiver is PRIMARILY about moving people from skilled nursing to the living situation of their choice with the services of their choice that meet their needs.

It was designed to empower those on the waiver to be an active participant in their Person Centered Care Plan.

THEY HAVE THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE:

- **A case management agency**
- **Where to live**
- **All service providers**
- **A different service if the provider is not meeting their needs**



You will get the services you need to **live independently.**

- Adult Day Care
- Adult Residential Services
- Assistive Technology Devices
- Attendant Care
- Caregiver Training
- Case Management
- Chore Services
- Community Transition Services
- Consumer Preparation Services
- Emergency Response Systems
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Financial Management Services
- Habilitation Services
- Home Delivered Meals
- Homemaker Services
- Medication Assistance Services
- Non-medical Transportation
- Personal Budget Assistance
- Respite Care
- Specialized Medical Equipment
- Supportive Maintenance

General Program Information

Designed to serve people who are living in long term skilled nursing or similar facilities (except for institutions for mental disease) and are receiving or are eligible to receive Medicaid benefits.

Must be an active resident of the facility. If a resident discharges from the facility before being accepted on the New Choices Waiver, the application will be rejected and the person must be readmitted into the facility to restart the waiting period and application process.

Designed for those with a primary physical diagnosis. Those with a primary mental diagnosis will not qualify.

You Have **Housing Choices**

Your New Choices Waiver case manager will help you identify your ideal housing opportunities.

The goal is to help you find the living situation YOU want, ensuring that you live in a safe and supported environment that meets your health and safety needs.



Assisted Living Facility



Independent Living Facility



An Apartment



A Private Home