

## Waiver Services

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# New Choices Waiver

## Purpose

This waiver program is designed to serve people who have been residing long term in a nursing facility, assisted living facility, small health care (Type N) facility or other Utah licensed medical facility that is not an institution for mental disease (IMD). The program provides supportive services to enable individuals to live in their own homes or in other community-based settings.

## Eligibility

- Applicant must be at least 18 years old;
- Applicant must satisfy Utah Medicaid financial eligibility requirements;
- Applicant must require a nursing facility level of care to meet their needs;
- Applicant's primary condition must not be attributable to mental illness;
- Applicant must not require an 'Intensive Skilled' level of care; and
- Applicant must not be eligible for admission to an intermediate care facility for people with intellectual disabilities (ICF/ID).

## In addition to the above criteria, an eligible individual must be:

- Receiving Utah Medicaid reimbursed nursing facility care on an extended stay basis of 90 days or more; or
- Receiving Medicare reimbursed care in a licensed Utah medical institution (that is not an IMD), on an extended stay of at least 30 days, and will discharge to a Medicaid certified nursing facility for an extended stay of at least 60 days; or
- Receiving Medicaid reimbursed services through another one of Utah's home and community-based waiver programs and have been identified as in need of immediate or impending nursing facility care; or
- Residing in a licensed assisted living facility or a small health care (Type N) facility on an extended stay basis of 365 days or more.

## Limitations to the waiver

- Serves a limited number of individuals.
- Individuals can receive only those services they are assessed to need.
- The majority of available waiver slots are reserved for people residing in nursing facilities, hospitals or other medical facilities (non-IMD).

## Contact Information

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# General Information

## Utah has Eight Medicaid 1915(c) Waivers

- New Choices Waiver
- Waiver for Individuals Age 65 or older
- Acquired Brain Injury Waiver
- Community Supports Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Other Related Conditions
- Physical Disabilities Waiver
- Waiver for Technologically Dependent Children
- Medicaid Autism Waiver
- Medically Complex Children's Waiver

## How can I enroll in the New Choices Waiver program?

- Services offered through the New Choices Waiver program are *not* an automatic benefit for Utah Medicaid clients. To enroll in the program, individuals must meet New Choices Waiver eligibility criteria and submit an application to the New Choices Waiver program office for consideration.
- To find out if you are eligible to submit an application or to request an application packet, call the New Choices Waiver program office: 801-538-6155 (option 6) or 1-800-662-9651 (option 6)

## When does the New Choices Waiver program office accept applications?

- People living in nursing facilities, hospitals or other Utah licensed medical institutions (non-IMD) applying for the reserved slots may submit an application any time during the year until the reserved slots are full.
- People wishing to apply for a non-reserved waiver slot are only permitted to apply during three open application periods each year. A limited number of applicants will be enrolled in each open application period. People who have lived in a qualifying facility the longest will be given preference. For information about the open application periods or about the selection process, call the New Choices Waiver program office or visit: <http://health.utah.gov/ltc/NC/NCHome.htm>

## After an individual enrolls in the New Choices Waiver program, are they required to live in an assisted living facility?

- No. The New Choices Waiver program is a medical program that covers services which are designed to assist participants to reside safely in a non-institutional home or community-based setting. Enrolled individuals are permitted to choose where they will live as long as their health and safety needs can be met in their chosen setting and as long as they can afford the shelter costs (room and board) in that setting.
- Possible home and community-based setting choices include:
  1. The individual's own home or apartment,
  2. The home or apartment of a friend or family member,
  3. A certified independent living facility,
  4. A licensed assisted living facility, or
  5. A licensed community residential care facility.