

New Choices Waiver

Waivers Services

- Adult Day Care
- Adult Residential Services
- Assistive Technology Devices
- Attendant Care
- Caregiver Training
- Case Management
- Chore Services
- Consumer Preparation Services
- Community Living 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



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Purpose

The New Choices Waiver (NCW) 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

- 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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Medicaid 1915(c) Home & Community Based Services Waiver Information Fact Sheet
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Office of Long-Term Services and Supports

General Information

Utah has Nine Medicaid 1915(c) Waivers

1. New Choices Waiver
2. Aging Waiver
3. Acquired Brain Injury Waiver
4. Community Supports Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Other Related Conditions
5. Community Transitions Waiver
6. Physical Disabilities Waiver
7. Waiver for Technologically Dependent Children
8. Medicaid Autism Waiver
9. Medically Complex Children's Waiver



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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 apply to the New Choices Waiver program office for consideration.
- Applications may be accessed at <https://medicaid.utah.gov/ltc-2/nc/> or by calling the New Choices Waiver Program Office.

When does the NCW waiver program office accept applications?

- At this time, people living in nursing facilities, hospital, other Utah licensed medical institutions (non-IMD, and those already living in a licensed assisted living facility, or a small health care (Type N) facility may apply at any time during the year until the waiver participant cap is met.
 - New Choices Waiver does not anticipate exceeding the waiver participant cap and limiting enrollment.

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.

What are the potential home and community-based setting choices?

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.