

# Fact Sheet

## Utah Medicaid 1915(c) Waivers

- Acquired Brain Injury Waiver
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### How can I enroll in the New Choices Waiver program?

- To enroll, individuals must meet specific eligibility criteria and apply to the NCW program office for consideration.
- Applications may be accessed at the NCW website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/ltc-2/nc/> or by calling 1-800-662-9651 (option 6).

### When does the NCW waiver program office accept applications?

- Individuals currently residing in nursing facilities, hospitals, Utah-licensed medical institutions (non-IMD), licensed assisted living, or small health care (Type N) facilities, after having met the length of stay criteria, may apply at any time during the year.

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

- No. The NCW program is a medical program designed to help participants live safely in a home or community-based settings rather than institutions. While participants may choose where they live, the setting must be able to meet their health and safety needs. Additionally, participants are responsible for their own shelter costs, such as room and board.

### 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 family member or friend,
3. A certified independent living facility,
4. A licensed assisted living facility, or
5. A licensed community residential care facility.

# New Choices Waiver

## Waivers Services

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

## Purpose

The New Choices Waiver (NCW) program is designed to serve people who are currently 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.

## Applicants Must Meet the Following Criteria:

- Must be at least 18 years old;
- Must meet Utah Medicaid financial eligibility requirements;
- Must meet nursing facility level of care according to Utah R414-502;
- The primary condition must not be attributable to mental illness;
- Must not require an 'Intensive Skilled' level of care; and
- Must not be eligible for admission to an intermediate care facility for people with intellectual disabilities (ICF/ID).

## **Additionally, an individual must also meet one of the following:**

- **Nursing Facility Residents:** receiving Utah Medicaid-reimbursed care in a nursing facility for an extended stay of 90 days or more; or
- **Medical Institution and Nursing Facility Residents:** receiving Medicare-reimbursed care at a licensed Utah medical institution (non-IMD) for at least 30 days, with a planned discharge to a Medicaid-certified nursing facility for an additional stay of at least 60 days; or
- **Assisted Living/Type N Residents:** receiving nursing facility level of care in a licensed assisted living or small health care (Type N) facility for an extended stay of 365 days or more; or
- **1915(C) Waiver Transfers:** receiving services through another Utah Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver and identified as having an immediate or impending need for nursing facility care.

## Limitations

- NCW serves a limited number of individuals.
- Individuals can receive only those services they are assessed to need.
- Most available waiver slots are reserved for people residing in nursing facilities, hospitals, or other medical facilities (non-IMD).
- NCW must be able to meet health and safety needs.

## NCW Contact Information

Website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/ltc-2/nc/>

E-mail: [newchoiceswaiver@utah.gov](mailto:newchoiceswaiver@utah.gov)

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