

# HOME Choice

## What is HOME Choice?

HOME Choice is a transition program that assists persons of any age with any type of disability to move from a long-term care facility (e.g. a nursing facility, hospital, or residential treatment facility) into a home and community based setting.

The program is available to provide “wrap-around” services & supports for persons whether or not they enroll on a Medicaid waiver.



*HOME Choice is part of the Federal Grant Program known as Money Follows the Person.*

### Questions?

Contact the Ohio Department of Medicaid, HOME Choice Unit:

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<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/HomeChoice>

Applications are available online.

## Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice

### Who may participate in HOME Choice? What is required?

Eligibility criteria for HOME Choice requires that an individual:

- 1:** Has lived in a Medicaid facility for at least 90 days at the time of discharge;
- 2:** Qualifies for Medicaid;
- 3:** Has care needs evaluated by HOME Choice staff, and
- 4:** Moves into qualified housing.

### What is considered qualified housing?

- » A home owned or leased by the individual or family member.
- » An individually leased and lockable apartment (with sleeping, bathing, and cooking areas within unit in which the individual or family member has domain and control).
- » A community based residential setting with no more than four unrelated persons.

### Thinking about Going Home?

The individual or their family/guardian will work with the long-term care facility and HOME Choice transitional staff to apply, discuss options, find housing and coordinate benefits and services through the discharge planning process.

HOME Choice is NOT a waiver program. It is a wrap-around program that provides “extra” services & supports to individuals for the first 365 days post discharge.

### Services & supports may include:

- » Case Management (before & after transition)
- » Community Transition Services (e.g. help with first month’s rent, etc.)
- » Transition Coordination
- » Independent Living Skills Training
- » Community Support Coaching
- » Other services necessary as identified by the discharge planning team.