

# New Choices Waiver



## What is New Choices Waiver?

Medicaid's New Choices Waiver program is designed to transition medically eligible individuals from a skilled nursing facility to assisted living. In some cases, this program may even be administered in the home.

## Qualifying for NCW

- Reside in a skilled nursing facility for 90 days or more
- Have 30 days or more covered by long-term care Medicaid
- Private-pay to reside in an assisted living for a minimum of a one year

## Skilled Nursing vs. Assisted Living

A skilled nursing facility offers a high level of care and serves people with extensive and demanding care needs. Most long-term care residents in a skilled nursing facility will have a shared room.

An assisted living facility is a care facility that offers more basic caregiving services. Assisted living residents usually enjoy a private room and are capable more independence than skilled nursing residents.

## Planning for Eligibility

Seeking the guidance of a benefits advisor with Utah Senior Planning will ensure that you or your loved one qualifies as quickly as possible. Rely on our experience to customize a financial plan that will maximize asset preservation regardless of marital status, net worth, or income level.

This program is fairly new and often misunderstood. Don't be misled; though the qualification rules for the programs are similar, New Choices Waiver and Long-Term Care Medicaid do not share the same rules.

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