

## IDAHO HOME CHOICE PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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<p><b>What is Idaho Home Choice (IHC)?</b></p>	<p>Idaho Home Choice is Idaho’s Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant Program funded through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. It is designed to help people to move, also called “transition”, from an institution into home-and community-based living settings, such as a home or an apartment. The goals of IHC are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the use of home and community-based services (HCBS)</li> <li>• Eliminate Barriers and mechanisms in state law, state Medicaid plans, or state budgets that prevent or restrict the flexible use of Medicaid funds to enable Medicaid-eligible individuals to receive long-term care in the settings of their choice;</li> <li>• Strengthen the ability of Medicaid programs to assure continued provision of HCBS to those individuals who choose to transition from institutions; and,</li> <li>• Ensure that procedures are in place to provide quality assurance and continuous quality improvement of HCBS.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Who is eligible to participate in the Idaho Home Choice Program?</b></p>	<p>To participate in the IHC Program, the individual must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have lived in a qualified institution for at least ninety days</li> <li>• Be Medicaid eligible at discharge</li> <li>• Have health needs that can be met through services available in the community</li> <li>• Voluntarily consent to participation by signing a consent form</li> <li>• Be eligible for either the Aged &amp; Disabled (A &amp; D), Developmental Disability (DD) waiver, or Medicaid Enhanced Plan PCS Benefits.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is there a cost to participate?</b></p>	<p>There is no cost or obligation to participate in Idaho Home choice.</p>

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<p><b>Who is eligible for the current Medicaid Home and Community Based Waivers?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A &amp; D Waiver</i>: Individuals who meet nursing facility level of care and Medicaid eligibility requirements and who are aged (age 65 or older) or disabled may be eligible for the A/D waiver.</li> <li>• <i>DD Waiver</i>: Individuals who meet ICF/MR level of care and Medicaid eligibility requirements and who have a developmental disability may be eligible for the DD waiver.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What are Home and Community-Based Waiver Services (HCBS)?</b></p>	<p>HCBS are services that are available to individuals who move from institutional settings into the community. These services are provided in addition to medical services that may be needed, to help recipients live independently in the community.</p>
<p><b>What services are available through the Idaho Home Choice Program?</b></p>	<p>In addition to services provided by regular Medicaid and the A &amp; D and DD waivers, IHC participants will also receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transition Management Services</b>: assists individuals in gaining access to needed medical, social, education, and other services for persons moving from a Medicaid funded institution to a qualified community residence</li> <li>• <b>Community Transition Services</b>: goods, services, and supports that are provided to the IHC participant for addressing identified needs, including improving and maintaining the participant's opportunities for membership in the community</li> </ul>
<p><b>How long will the Idaho Home Choice Money Follows the Person Demonstration last?</b></p>	<p>The demonstration will run from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2016.</p>
<p><b>What happens when the Demonstration ends?</b></p>	<p>Through the demonstration, the state will have developed the structures and foundation necessary to support <b>anyone</b> who is eligible to receive services in an inpatient facility or institution to receive those same services in their homes and communities.</p>
<p><b>How do I get more information on the Idaho Home Choice Program?</b></p>	<p>The Idaho Home Choice Program contact information will be provided to all Medicaid participants residing in qualified institutional settings as part of the outreach effort. When residents contact the program, they will choose a Transition Manager who will initiate the appropriate activities. In all cases, an individual's family will be considered if the individual has provided permission for</p>

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	<p>the family to be involved. The Transition Manager will provide information to consumers and their families/guardians/caregivers to ensure they receive and understand the Idaho Home Choice Program information. This information will be provided in written and verbal form and will include information about the program itself, community residential options to nursing facility placement, and support services available to maintain the individual within the community. Please visit <a href="http://www.idahohomechoice.dhw.idaho.gov">www.idahohomechoice.dhw.idaho.gov</a> for additional information.</p>