

A SNAPSHOT OF THE IDAHO HOME CHOICE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPANTS

What is the Idaho Home Choice Program?

Idaho Home Choice (IHC) is a system of flexible financing for long-term services and supports that enables funds to move with the individual to the most suitable and preferred setting as the individual's needs and preferences change. The program is funded by the federal Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program grant.

Who is Eligible for the IHC Program?

Eligible persons must:

- Be a resident of Idaho
- Currently live in a nursing facility, an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities, or an institution for mental disease
- Have lived in the above settings for at least 90 consecutive days, excluding short term rehabilitation stays
- Have been eligible for Medicaid for at least one day
- Qualify for the Aged and Disabled Waiver, Developmental Disability Waiver, or Medicaid State Plan Services
- Move to a "qualified residence" in the community

What is a Qualified Residence?

A "qualified residence" is:

- A person's own home
- A person's family's home
- A person's own apartment
- A residence, in a community-based residential setting, in which no more than four unrelated individuals reside – not including caregivers and personal attendants. A Certified Family Home is one example.

What Does IHC Mean to Me?

Some people living in facilities may think they don't have the ability to move back into the community. The IHC program gives individuals living qualified settings more informed choices and options about where they live and receive services. Overall, IHC makes it possible for individuals who are elderly, have a physical disability, or have an intellectual disability to have the freedom to choose where they want to live.

What Can IHC Do For Me?

If you choose to move to the community, you'll enjoy all of the privileges of living independently - choosing your service providers, expressing your satisfaction or dissatisfaction with services and supports, visiting with family and friends, and being a part of your community.

The following additional services will also be available to individuals participating in the IHC program:

- Transition Management – If you choose, you'll be eligible to have someone manage your transition back into the community.
- Cash Assistance with up-front household expenses at transition including:
 - Household furnishings
 - Household goods and supplies
 - Moving expenses
 - Utility deposits
 - Security rent deposits

How Do I Get More Information?

Under this program, you or your family members or caregivers can get transition information, the requirements, and the options available to you including home and community-based services and housing. To get more information about transition, contact:

- Any staff member in the facility where you live, including a social worker, discharge planner, or administrator
- 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine
- The Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- An Area Agency on Aging
- A Center for Independent Living
- Your case manager

You can also visit our Web site at www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov, contact the Idaho Home Choice Project Manager at IHCMFP@dhw.idaho.gov, or call (208) 334-5747 for information and referral for the IHC program.



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