

IDAHO HOME CHOICE SUSTAINABILITY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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<p>What is Idaho Home Choice (IHC)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 family home or an apartment. The goals of IHC are: • Increase the use of home and community-based services (HCBS) • 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; • Strengthen the ability of Medicaid programs to assure continued provision of HCBS to those individuals who choose to transition from institutions; and, • Ensure that procedures are in place to provide quality assurance and continuous quality improvement of HCBS.
<p>Why are we sustaining IHC Benefits?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A condition of receiving the IHC grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services was to strive for sustainability of the two demonstration benefits of Transition Management and Transition Services. • Additionally, participants who utilized these benefits to transition enjoyed a higher quality of life in the community throughout the grant period. • Lastly, it is less costly for Idaho Medicaid to pay for a participant to live in the community than it is to pay for a participant in an institution thus providing a significant savings in state and federal dollars.

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How are IHC benefits being sustained?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idaho’s Sustainability Plan was approved by CMS in 2015. • Transition management will be added to the Enhanced Medicaid Benefits and Transition Services will be added to the Aged and Disabled and the Adult Developmental Disabilities Waivers. • The waiver and State Plan Enhanced benefits will take effect on 01/01/2019. • The last IHCMFP Demonstration Participant will discharge on 12/31/2018
What is changing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The time a person must be in the institution will be reduced from 90 consecutive days to 45 consecutive days but will still be over and above any Medicare Part A stay. • A Residential Assisted Living Facility will be considered a Qualified Residence if they have successfully completed the HCBS settings assessment.
Who is eligible for the current Medicaid Home and Community Based Waivers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A & 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. • <i>DD Waiver</i>: Individuals who meet ICF/ID level of care and Medicaid eligibility requirements and who have an intellectual/developmental disability may be eligible for the DD waiver.
What are Home and Community-Based Waiver Services (HCBS)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term services and supports that assist eligible participants to remain in their home and community. • 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. They may include Personal Care Services, Chore Services, Companion Care, Transportation, and other community-based services.

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Who is eligible for “Enhanced Medicaid”?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Enhanced Medicaid Benefit Plan is designed for participants with disabilities or other special health care needs. This plan includes all benefits in the <i>Standard and Basic Plans</i>, plus additional benefits. • In order to receive Medicaid, certain eligibility requirements must be met in areas such as, citizenship/immigration status, income, resources, work requirements, and other areas based on household's circumstances.
What are Transition Management and Transition Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Management Services: 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. Participants may qualify for up to 72 hours of Transition Management • Community Transition Services: 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. Participants may qualify for up to \$2,000 in one-time transition services.
How long do Transition Benefits last?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants eligible to receive Transition Benefits have access for up to one year (12 months) after returning to the community, or until the benefit limits have been met, whichever comes first. • Participants are eligible for these benefits every 24 months. • If a participant does not meet the Level of Care necessary for waiver services, they will only be eligible for Transition Management and will not be eligible for Transition Services.

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<p>What is a Qualified Institution?</p>	<p>A Qualified Institution is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) • An Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled (ICF/ID) • An Acute Care Hospital • An Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) **Individuals in an IMD between the ages of 22 and 64 do not qualify for Transition Benefits
<p>What is a Qualified Residence?</p>	<p>A Qualified Residence is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Person’s own home • A family member’s home • An apartment or other rental unit • A Certified Family Home • A Residential Assisted Living Facility • A Residential Habilitation Setting
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