
MI Choice Waiver Program

MI Choice is a home and community-based program. Eligible adults must meet the age, financial and medical requirements to be a MI Choice participant.

This program allows the individual to access services in the community along with receiving support in their own home or other residential setting. Each participant can obtain basic Medicaid-covered services and must receive one or more MI Choice Waiver services. The program includes:

- Prescreening
- Assessments
- Supports Coordination
- Direct purchase of services
- Re-assessment contacts

MI Choice Waiver is a statewide program funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). The Senior Alliance - Area Agency on Aging 1-C is a MI Choice Waiver agent for the 34 communities of western and southern Wayne County.

Eligibility Requirements

Age

Participants must be age 18 or older.

Financial

Participants must qualify for Medicaid. The income limit is 300% of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) allotment set by the federal government each year.

- Participant's individual income up to \$2,199* per month. If the participant has a spouse, the spouse's income is not computed in the qualifying amount.
- Allowable assets for an individual participant are limited to \$2,000*. If the participant has a spouse living in the community, the Federal Protected Spousal Asset guidelines are utilized. The Protected Spousal Asset is one half of the couple's countable assets. For 2015, it is no less than \$23,844* and not exceeding \$119,220*.

Medical

Medical status must meet the Michigan Medicaid nursing facility level of care determination criteria.

**Amount subject to change each year*

Eligibility Requirements (cont'd)

Services Needed

In addition to the other requirements, participants must need at least one MI Choice Waiver service on an ongoing basis. These services include:

- Adult Day Health (Adult Day Care)
- Chore Services
- Community Living Supports
- Community Transition Services
- Counseling
- Home Modifications
- Fiscal intermediary
- Goods and Services
- Home Delivered Meals
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Preventative Nursing
- Private Duty Nursing
- Respite Care
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Supports Coordination
- Training

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To apply or to see if you are eligible for the MI Choice Waiver program, contact our Intake/Waiver Department. The intake specialist will complete a Telephone Intake Guidelines screen and, if you appear eligible, place you on the waiting list. Anyone can make a referral on your behalf.

When the applicant's name comes up, an updated telephone screening is completed.

- If initial criteria have been met, a nurse or social worker will complete the Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination (MMNFLOC).
- If the applicant does not meet the criteria, information about other TSA programs and community services are given.

The initial visit is completed in the applicant's place of residence. If approved, through the MMNFLOC, the in-home assessment is scheduled.

In-home assessment is completed by a Registered Nurse and Social Worker who are supports coordinators at The Senior Alliance. If necessary, the Medicaid application will be completed at this time.