

Kentucky Transitions Program

Kentucky Transitions is a program that utilizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Money Follows the Person demonstration Grant. The Grant is designed to assist Medicaid members who are currently residing in nursing homes and ICF/MR's to transition back into the community.

Kentucky Transitions is designed to create transition opportunities for five identified population groups: the elderly, the physically disabled, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, individuals with a primary diagnosis of mental illness, and individuals with acquired brain injuries.

The eligibility criteria for Kentucky transitions is that a person must reside in a nursing home or institutional setting for a minimum of 90 consecutive days, excluding days paid by Medicare for Rehab. In addition, a person has to be eligible for Medicaid for at least one day and meeting existing Medicaid eligibility requirements at the time of transition.

The Services available through Kentucky transitions is a, one time only, \$2000 per person transition fund that can be used for rental deposit, utilities deposit, household set up, and a one-time grocery trip. Besides the \$2000 transition fund, home modifications can be done based on 10% of the PVA value with a maximum of \$15,000.

An additional service through Kentucky Transitions is housing assistance through Kentucky Housing. It is through Kentucky Housing that members can receive the services of finding income -based and or handicapped accessible housing in the area of their choice.

A member will stay with Kentucky Transitions for a year. The member will have a case coordinator that will provide services oversight, make weekly calls for six months and visits once a month for face to face visit. The case coordinator will also trouble shoot any issues with services, and ensure health, safety, and welfare through provider audits. Once the demonstrated period is completed for the member, on day 366 that member will receive services through the appropriate waiver (HCB, SCL, LTC, ABI).

The purpose of Kentucky Transitions is to improve the quality of life for Medicaid members who transition back into the community and to rebalance the long term care system. If you know of anyone one who would qualify for Kentucky Transitions or would like additional information, please contact Kentucky Transitions at (877)564-0330 or (502)564-0330.