

Medicaid Assisted Living



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The RI Medicaid program covers assisted living services in state-licensed assisted living residences (ALRs) that are certified by Medicaid. Covered services include on-site, 24-hour personal care assistance, homemaker and chore services, medication management, therapeutic, social and recreational activities, and health-related transportation. The amount of these services a person receives may differ based on the scope of their needs.

Medicaid does not cover ALR room and board and add-on services. A person who chooses this Medicaid LTSS option privately pays housing charges and any non-Medicaid covered services (like cable and internet access) they choose to receive from the ALR. To ensure individuals applying can afford these costs, the dollar amount a certified ALR can charge for housing each month is capped. Rhode Island also has a State Supplemental Payment (SSP) program that provides financial help to low-income Medicaid beneficiaries living in ALRs. Medicaid certifies assisted living residences to provide specific levels of care. For example, some may provide care to people with dementia and others may not. You will select a facility that provides the level of care you need.

Related service

Nursing and skilled therapy services are not part of the Medicaid-assisted living services but may be authorized by Medicaid and/or other health insurance, as ordered by a physician, while you live in an assisted living residence.

Who is eligible?

Adults 19-64 with disabilities, or anyone 65 or older who is eligible for Medicaid LTSS

For more information about Medicaid covered assisted living services, please call Rhode Island's Aging and Disability Resource Center at 401-462-4444. A list of assisted living communities is available online here: <https://www.riala.org/find-assisted-living#/>

How to receive services

A Conflict Free Case Management (CFCM) agency certified by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) assesses your needs, and helps you develop a person-centered plan (PCP). These agencies are also responsible for monitoring the delivery of services in the PCP and helping you connect to benefits across community-based health and social service agencies.