

Personal Choice Program

The Personal Choice Program is a self-directed option for Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) for people who want to get care while continuing to live at home. Self-directed means that the person chooses who provides their care and when. Medicaid beneficiaries who select this option manage their service budget, how much their caregivers are paid within certain limits, and decide the type of training they receive.

Personal Choice includes a specific set of Medicaid services including personal care, homemaker and chore services, self-directed goods and services, and supports. The State has certified several community agencies that assist a beneficiary participating in the program with developing person-centered plan, managing services, and paying the caregiver they choose.

How to receive services

To participate in the Personal Choice Program, you must be eligible for LTSS. Your conflict free case manager will help you develop your person-centered plan describing the support you need and want.

- When you select the Personal Choice Program, you take on the role of an employer. The caregiver you hire is your employee. Your case manager helps you develop a monthly budget that covers the cost for your plan of care and works with you to monitor the scope and quality of services you receive.
- A community fiscal agency helps you manage the service budget, handle timesheets, and pay the caregiver. The agency also conducts criminal background checks of the caregiver.

Who is eligible?

- Adults 18-64 with disabilities, and anyone 65 and older who is eligible for Medicaid LTSS
- The Personal Choice program is for Medicaid LTSS beneficiaries only

For more information about the Personal Choice Program, contact Rhode Island's Aging and Disability Resource Center at 401-462-4444 or your conflict free case management agency.