



## Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver

The Living Choices Assisted Living waiver program allows beneficiaries to live in apartment-style living units in assisted living facilities while receiving individualized personal, health, and social services. This program promotes individuality, privacy, dignity, and independence.

### What is Assisted Living?

Assisted living enables beneficiaries to:

**1** Live independently with 24-hour on-site response staff.

**2** Socialize with others while still enjoying the privacy of a separate and distinct living unit.

### What are the Eligibility Requirements for Receiving Services?

To be eligible to receive services through the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

1. Be aged 21 through 64 years old with a physical disability OR be aged 65 and older
2. Meet established financial criteria
3. Meet established level of care criteria
4. Have a need for at least one of the available services

For more information about eligibility, visit [access.arkansas.gov](http://access.arkansas.gov) or contact Access Arkansas at 855-372-1084

### Who is Responsible for Administering the ARChoices Program?

The Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver is operated by the Division of Aging and Adult Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS), under the administrative authority of the Division of Medical Services (DMS).



## What Services Can Be Provided through Living Choices?

The Living Choices Assisted Living waiver program offers several services to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries. The specific services a person receives depends on their unique needs.



### **Extended Medicaid State Plan Prescription Drugs**

Beneficiaries are eligible for the same prescription drug benefits of regular Medicaid, plus three prescriptions beyond the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan Pharmacy Programs benefit limit.



### **Living Choices Assisted Living Services**

The services below are provided through the beneficiary's assisted living facility.

- **Attendant care services:** Aiding beneficiaries with daily living tasks such as eating, dressing, bathing, personal hygiene, and mobility.
- **Therapeutic social and recreational activities:** Services that improve behavior management, socialization, cooperation, and delay the deterioration of skills.
- **Periodic nursing evaluations:** Quarterly nursing evaluation by a registered nurse to gather information regarding changes to the waiver beneficiary's condition, functional limitations, and circumstances.
- **Limited nursing services:** Assessment and monitoring of waiver beneficiary health care needs, including the preparation, coordination, and implementation of services, in conjunction with the physician/primary care physician or community agencies as appropriate.
- **Medication oversight:** Providing medication assistance through reminders and cues.
- **Assistance with obtaining non-medical transportation:** Coordination of transportation services for beneficiaries who are not in an emergency situation.