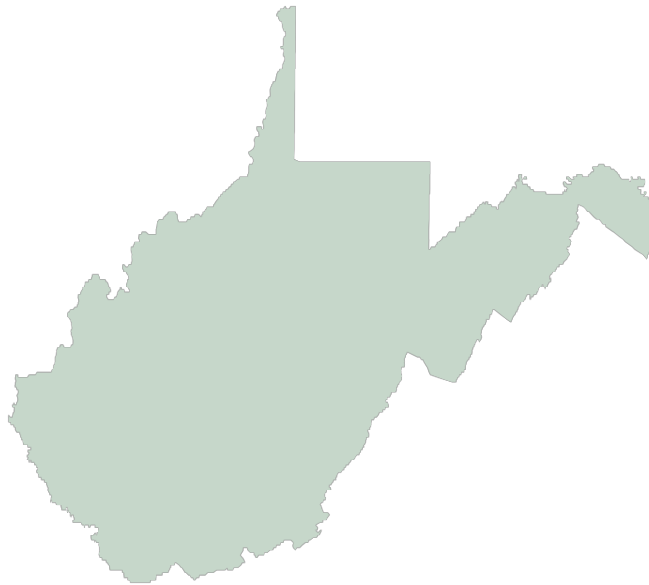


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BUREAU FOR MEDICAL SERVICES

Individuals wishing to transition from long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes, to the community often face numerous obstacles including a lack of funds for rental security and utility deposits, lack of basic household items and furniture, limited community supports, and no one to help develop comprehensive plans to transition home.

The West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) received a Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration Grant in 2011 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The primary goal of the grant is to enhance opportunities for people to live and receive long-term care services and supports in their own homes and communities.

In West Virginia, the MFP program is called Take Me Home, West Virginia. Take Me Home provides grant-supported services to eligible West Virginians wishing to move from long-term care facilities to their own homes. In addition, the program explores changes to our State's long-term care system to enhance home and community-based service options for Medicaid recipients.





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Take Me Home provides services to support individuals who are elderly or physically disabled transition from facility-based living to their own homes in the community.

To be eligible to participate in Take Me Home, West Virginia, individuals must:

- Live in a nursing facility, hospital, Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) or a combination of any of the three for at least 90 consecutive days (excluding Medicare rehabilitation days) and
- Receive Medicaid benefits on the last day prior to transitioning from the long-term care facility to the community and
- Choose to move to a “qualified residence”

A “qualified residence” is:

- A person’s own home
- A person’s family home
- A person’s own apartment
- A group home with 4 or fewer people

A full-time Housing Coordinator is available to work with Transition Navigators and participants to identify accessible and affordable housing opportunities.

There must be a reasonable expectation for a safe and successful transition in order for Take Me Home to support a transition to the community.

When returning to the community, Take Me Home participants must be eligible for and receive supports from existing Medicaid home and community-based service programs such as the Aged and Disabled Waiver (ADW), the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver (TBIW), State Plan Personal Care Services, and community-based behavioral health. In addition to the home and community-based services for which they qualify, participants of Take Me Home will also be eligible to receive the following Take Me Home services:

- **Transition Navigation:** Take Me Home Transition Navigators are located throughout the State to assist participants in moving from the facility to the community. The role of Transition Navigators is to...
 - Assess a participant’s need for transition services and supports,
 - Help develop individualized Transition Plans,
 - Oversee the delivery of needed services and supports, and
 - Support each participant for one year after they transition to the community.
- **Care Supports:** Care Support provides Take Me Home participants options for Peer Support, Direct-care for Trial Visits, and Respite as well as the opportunity to “extend” their use of certain Medicaid Waiver and State Plan services for which they are eligible. This may include for example, more direct-care service per month than is currently available through the Medicaid home and community based Waiver programs.
- **Community Transition Services:** Community Transition Services are one-time services needed for the initial transition from a facility-based setting into the community. These services may include...
 - Moving expenses,
 - Security and utility deposits,
 - First month’s rent,
 - Essential and basic household furnishings, and
 - Home accessibility modifications necessary to improve independence and ensure safety.
- **Take Me Home Goods and Services:** Goods and Services are equipment, services or supplies not otherwise provided by Medicaid that address an identified need in the Take Me Home participant’s Transition Plan. These goods and services can provide a wide range of support, including the purchase of assistive technology that significantly enhances the opportunity for Take Me Home participants to live independently in the community.