

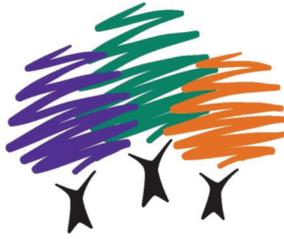


A GUIDE TO PROJECT CHOICES



The goal of Project Choices is to provide participants and their families with informed choice regarding Long-Term Care Supports and Services, using the Person-Centered Philosophy.



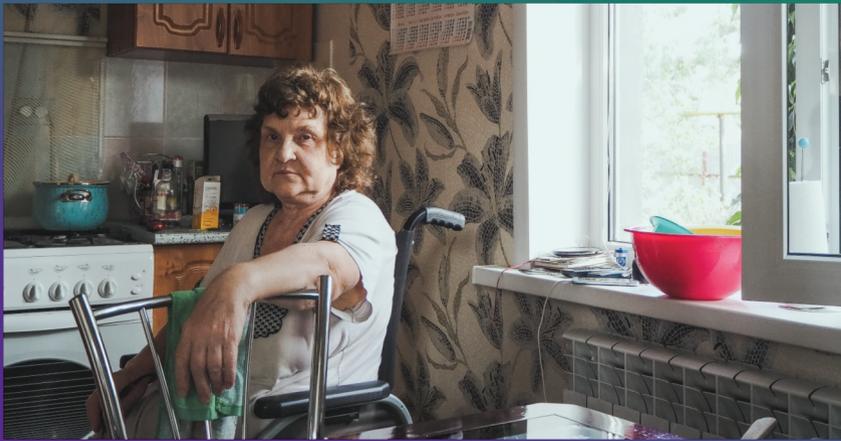


Project Choices offers in-home and community care options through MI Choice, the Care Management program, or Case Coordination and Supports. In most cases, a nurse and social worker team assist eligible individuals and their supports to design a plan of care. Coordinating and providing key services, while respecting each individual's right to choose their own options, supports participants' desire to remain at home or live in the setting of their choice. Programs within Project Choices will:

- Assess participant health status
- Assess participant social needs
- Link participants with services and programs
- Seek ways to support and assist caregivers
- Monitor service quality
- Respect the rights of participants to be involved in their plan of care

The Person-Centered Philosophy focuses on honoring preferences. Person-Centered Thinking recognizes that all participants are unique individuals with needs, wants, goals and dreams. Through Person-Centeredness, trained staff support individuals in making choices that fit with the way they want to live their life.





MI Choice

MI Choice offers adults eligible for a nursing facility the option of receiving long-term care in the home or community setting of their choice. After assessment, a nurse and social worker team will help eligible individuals develop a plan of care specific to them. MI Choice may provide services such as community living supports, adult day services, respite programs for the caregiver, home-delivered meals and personal emergency response systems. Help transitioning back into the community from a nursing home, assisted living facility or after a hospital stay is also available.

Care Management

The Care Management program provides a connection to an array of home and community-based services to assist older adults to live in the community setting of their choice. Services may include personal care, homemaking, and relief for caregivers. Supports Coordinators help discuss all available options.

Case Coordination and Supports

Case Coordination is available for those 60 and older who can benefit from limited support. A Coordinator conducts an assessment and can arrange in-home services for eligible persons who need some assistance with personal care, homemaking, or need respite from caregiving.

How Do I Contact Project Choices?

Call the Tri-County Office on Aging and ask for Project Choices. A specialist will complete an initial screening to determine the appropriate program and if the individual is eligible for an assessment. If you or the person you are calling for are eligible for an assessment, you will either be referred to the scheduler or placed on a waiting list if the program is at capacity. To see if you, a family member, or a friend qualifies call 517-887-1440 or toll free 1-800-405-9141.

Who Is Eligible For Project Choices?

To be eligible for Project Choices, the adult must live in Clinton, Eaton or Ingham County and qualify both financially and medically.

What types of services are available in the home?

A comprehensive array of services are available through various providers and community agencies based on program eligibility.

How Much Will This Cost?

Many services are covered by federal, state and local funding. Project Choices is in part funded by the Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS Bureau) and the MI Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). In some cases, local fundraising dollars also help pay for services. Services can be arranged and purchased for participants age 18 and older who meet the medical and financial requirements of the MI Choice Program. For others, private pay and insurance payment are an option. Any services offered that could have a cost will be clearly explained and will not be arranged without approval.



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