

# Community Choice Program

*An alternative option for MassHealth enrollees for long-term care.*

The Community Choice Program allows older adults who are on MassHealth to receive expanded care at home, which can delay or prevent imminent placement in a long-term care facility.

## Eligibility

Eligibility for the Community Choice Program is based on the following criteria:

- Age 60 or older
- Approved for MassHealth Standard benefits
- Meet the clinical criteria for enrollment in the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver
- Be at imminent risk of nursing home placement because of serious health conditions and/or the inability to manage daily care.

## Elder Enrollment

A Care Manager and Nurse from Elder Services will conduct a needs assessment to determine eligibility. They will then work with the consumer and his/her family members to determine a plan of care, coordinate all services received by the consumer, conduct reassessment visits, and offer ongoing care management.

## Services may include:

Homemaker	Personal Care	Adult Day Health and Dementia Care
Home Delivered Meals	Home Health Services	Personal Emergency Response System
Laundry Services	Medical Transportation	

## Costs

The funds are used to purchase in-home services which are tailored to the needs of each individual consumer.

## More Information

The Community Choice Program can also support family caregivers who are trying to keep a frail consumer at home. Each family situation is unique, and there is a regular assessment of whether services continue to meet the consumer's and family's needs. When in-home services are no longer meeting the consumer's or family's needs, assistance with other options is provided. All family caregivers are asked to participate in regularly scheduled assessments, Service Plan reviews, and emergency contingency planning

For more information about Community Choice Program, call our Information & Referral Department at 800-892-0890.

