

BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE PROVIDERS

The Arc of Mississippi

Central Mississippi Planning and Development District

East Central Planning and Development District

Golden Triangle Planning and Development District

Living Independence for Everyone of MS

Millcreek

North Central Planning and Development District

North Delta Planning and Development District

Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District

Oxford Health Care

Region 8 Mental Health Services

Singing River Services

South Delta Planning and Development District

Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District

Southwest Mississippi Planning and Development District

Three Rivers Planning and Development District

Timber Hills Mental Health Services

Interested?

Referrals can be made at any time by the beneficiaries or their caregivers. Talk to your treatment team or call the Division of Medicaid for more information. A Community Navigator will schedule a time to visit with qualified Medicaid beneficiaries.

BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE

Division of Medicaid

550 High Street, Suite 1000

Jackson, MS 39201

Toll Free: 1-800-421-2408

Local (Jackson Area) 601-359-6013

www.medicaid.ms.gov

Bridge to Independence is Mississippi's Money Follows the Person (MFP) initiative, a federal grant funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). MS Money Follows the Person is a 6-year, \$42.4 million demonstration grant (Award#11LICMS330831-01-00) funded by CMS in partnership with the MS Division of Medicaid.



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF
MEDICAID



BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE



What is

Bridge to Independence?

A program built around the core principles of consumer choice and empowerment to assist individuals in facilities in identifying potential community living options.

Who does it serve?

Qualified residents of nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to explore community living options.

Bridge to Independence is for persons with physical, mental, developmental, or intellectual disabilities and older adults (65+).

What services may I qualify for?

- Transition Care Management
- Housing Start-Up Costs, which may include:
 - home/utility deposits
 - commodities
 - moving expenses
 - home modifications
- Transportation
- Extended Pharmacy Benefits
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Caregiver and Peer Supports
- Life Skills Training
- Therapy Services
 - physical, speech, occupational
- Safety Planning

Transition services are available for 365 days following discharge from a qualified facility. After that qualified individuals will continue to receive regular Medicaid services.

How to qualify

Answering yes to the following questions means you may be eligible for Bridge to Independence transition services.

- Have you been a resident of a nursing home or intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities for at least 90 days?
- Has Medicaid funded at least one day of your stay?
- Are you eligible for Medicaid home and community-based services?

Who will help me transition?

A Community Navigator will lead a team identified by the beneficiary to assist with the transition into the community.

What is a qualified residence?

- A home owned or leased by the participant or his or her family member.
- An apartment with living, sleeping and cooking areas over which the participant or his or her family has control.
- A community residential setting where no more than four unrelated individuals live.