

Your right to an appeal...

When you disagree with action taken on your **Living Choices** case, you may file an appeal. During the appeal process, the decision affecting your **Living Choices** case will be reviewed. Instructions for filing an appeal are included in the letter mailed to you by the DHS county office.

Want more information?

Call your local DHS county office or DAAS at (501) 682-2441.

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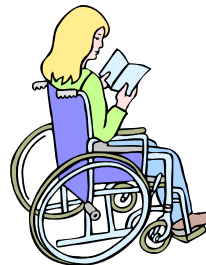
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How to apply...

Contact your local DHS county office. A DHS nurse will contact you to schedule an in-home visit.

The DHS nurse will:

- ◆ Complete an evaluation that will be the basis for determining medical eligibility
- ◆ Develop a plan of care based on the needs and wishes of the client
- ◆ Complete an annual reassessment of needs
- ◆ Monitor **Living Choices** services



Visit DAAS's website for more details

<http://www.state.ar.us/dhs/aging>



Living Choices

Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver Program

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Little Rock, AR 72203-1437
Tel: 501-682-2441

What is Living Choices?

Living Choices is a Medicaid program that allows you to live in congregated housing with 24-hour supervision and services that support independence.

Living Choices makes assistance available in Level II assisted living facilities. These apartment-style living units provide an environment that promotes self-direction and personal decision-making, while protecting residents' health and safety.

- ◆ When at risk of nursing home placement, **Living Choices** offers options.
- ◆ When residing in a nursing facility, **Living Choices** lets you return to your own apartment-style residence.
- ◆ When you need 24-hour supervision, **Living Choices** offers you this choice.

What services are available in Living Choices?

Attendant Care - assistance with activities of daily living, mobility and transferring, toileting or incontinence care, eating, drinking, etc.

Therapeutic Social and Recreational Activities

Medication oversight to the extent permitted under state law

Medication administration

Periodic nursing evaluations

Limited nursing services

Non-medical transportation specified in the plan of care

Pharmacist consultant services

Three prescription drugs beyond the Medicaid State Plan Pharmacy Program's benefit limit for participants who are NOT dually eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare. Dually eligible participants must obtain prescribed

medications through the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan or, for certain prescribed medications excluded from this program, through the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan Pharmacy Program.

All services included on the plan of care are based on need and approved by a physician.

To qualify for Living Choices, you must:

→ Be age 65 or older

OR

- Be age 21-64 AND declared physically disabled by Social Security/SSI or DHS Medical Review Team
- Meet established financial criteria
- Meet nursing home admission criteria at the intermediate level
- Have a medical need for at least one of the **Living Choices** services