



## Long-Term Care Living Options

The announcement regarding the Medicaid termination of Monroe County Care Center may come as a shock to residents and their families. We want to assure you that many state and local partners are available to assist residents and their families in finding new living arrangements.

The resident relocation team will be communicating with you frequently to keep you informed about this facility's termination. You need to make decisions in a timely manner but do not feel rushed into making choices that are not right for you. Please remember that the relocation team is available to help you and your family explore and make decisions about next steps. The contact information for the relocation team is on Page 2.

You have several long-term care living options depending upon your needs and personal circumstances, including:

- **Moving to another nursing home.** Your local Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, Kim Flanigan and Sue Davidson, can help you locate nursing homes that meet your needs, including those that accept Medicaid, if that is your source of payment. They can be reached at 1-740-373-6400 or 1-800-331-2644. In addition, you or a family member can research nursing homes at either of these websites:
  - <http://www.ltc.ohio.gov> - State of Ohio's Long-Term Care Consumer Guide
  - <http://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/> - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Nursing Home Compare
- **Moving to an assisted living home.** Some residents may be interested in assisted living. Some assisted living homes provide Medicaid home- and community-based services through the Ohio Assisted Living Waiver. Medicaid home and community-based services Assisted Living waiver services include nursing care, personal care, meals, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance, transportation, social and recreational programs, and on-site emergency response.

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Your local Long-Term Care Ombudsman can assist you in researching this option or you can contact the Area Agency on Aging to find openings at the assisted living facilities that have waiver openings.

- **Moving back to the community.** Depending upon your long-term care needs and personal circumstances, you may be able to move into a group or family home, your own home or the home of a friend or relative in the community. Once again, the relocation team can help research and navigate this process with you.

For those who wish, and are able, to move back to the community, there are programs that can help you “transition” to a home in the community (finding affordable housing, furnishing and setting up a home, and learning community living skills). Please ask the relocation team for information about the HOME Choice, Access Success and Recovery Requires a Community programs.

There are Medicaid home and community-based services waivers called PASSPORT (for those 60 and older) and the Ohio Home Care Waiver (for those aged 59 or younger), which can provide nursing, therapy, personal care, meal delivery, nutrition counseling, adaptive and assistive devices, home modification, transportation, and emergency response in the home. Developmental Disability Medicaid waivers are also available for those who meet specific criteria.

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**The Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman is coordinating the relocation efforts. You can reach members of the team through Erin Pettegrew, the relocation coordinator, at 1-800-282-1206. The relocation team includes representatives from the following state and local agencies:**

- Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
- Ohio Department of Medicaid
- Ohio Department of Aging
- State Long-Term Care Ombudsman’s Office
- Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Area Agency on Aging
- County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- ADAMH Board