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ACL's Independent Living Final Rule!

Late last year, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) released the [final rule for Independent Living \(IL\)](#).

The final rule includes several changes in the core services provided by IL programs, the processes of developing and adopting state plans, and the functions of the State Independent Living Councils. As part of the new core services, all Centers for Independent Living must:

- facilitate the transition of consumers with significant disabilities from an institutional setting to a home and community-based setting; including providing consumer-controlled supports/services and the advocacy needed to successfully move
- provide assistance, services, and supports to individuals with significant disabilities who self-identify as being at risk of entering institutions so that the consumers may remain in the community
- facilitate the transition of youth with significant disabilities who are no longer in school and no longer receiving services under section 614 (d) of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

In addition, the final rule clarifies key definitions that ensure the continued independence and well-being of older adults and people with disabilities.

These requirements will help the federal IL program to continue to empower and enable consumers with disabilities to exercise full choice and control over their lives and to live independently in their communities.

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