

Assisted Living Waiver (ALW)

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/SERVICES/LTC/Pages/ALWPP.aspx>

The pilot program was determined to be successful during the first three years in a limited trial in three counties. In March 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved a waiver renewal for an additional five years and expansion of the program into additional counties. A five year waiver renewal was effective March 1, 2014. The ALW is currently enrolling beneficiaries residing in skilled nursing facilities and in the community into licensed Residential Care Facilities (RCFEs) in Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma counties.

Periodically the ALW will put a hold or freeze on enrollments throughout the year until they can catch up with the demand. So keep checking back if this is the case or plan ahead and apply early.

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For further information about this Waiver refer to the following page:

- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Medicaid Waivers, CA Assisted Living](#)

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California Community Transitions - A New Program for Medi-Cal beneficiaries living in Skilled Nursing Facilities

Elder Options is now partnering with the Department of Health Care Services as a Lead Organization in a new demonstration project called California Community Transitions (CCT). This exciting program offers some new choices for people living in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) who are on Medi-Cal, and want to explore the possibilities of moving back to the community.

The CCT program is a “Money Follows the Person” rebalancing demonstration funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The program is designed to save government money by assisting people to return to their homes and communities with assistance from the state. Money that would have been spent keeping the person in a hospital can be spent assisting that person to stay at home with available services, usually for a lot less.



The CCT program is designed to assist those people who have lived continuously in a SNF for at least 6 months, who have been on Medi-cal for at least 30 days, and who want to transition back into their community, but don't have the resources to do so.

The CCT program identifies eligible participants and assists them in transitioning out of nursing care and back into a community setting; either at home with family, in an apartment, or living with 2-3 others in similar situations. The program identifies supports and services available in the community, arranges training for family caregivers, makes modifications to homes and vehicles, and just about anything else someone would need to make the transition. A professional care manager works closely with the participant and their family, arranges needed services, then assists the participant throughout the process and for a year after the transition is made. The program is voluntary, saves money and helps people return to the community. Elder Options is pleased to be able to offer this service to our community. Please call Elder Options at 530-626-6939, for more information.