

Comparison of Home and Community Based Long Term Care Programs

Individuals who are eligible for Medicaid-Funded Long Term Care supports and services now have more choices. These include nursing homes, the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), MI Choice, and MI Health Link. This chart compares the features of the programs that offer alternatives to nursing home care. The purpose is to allow individuals to make informed choices about the program that will best meet their needs. Not all programs are currently available in all areas of the state.

<u>Program Feature</u>	<u>PACE</u>	<u>MI Choice</u>	<u>MI Health Link</u>	<u>MI Health Link + MI Health Link HCBS Waiver</u>
Individual must be eligible for admission to a nursing facility	YES	YES	NO	YES
Must have both Medicare and Medicaid to qualify	NO	NO	YES	YES
Combines Medicare and Medicaid Benefits	YES	NO	YES	YES
Expanded financial eligibility rules	YES – individuals can have a gross income of up to 300% of SSI (\$2,313 per month in 2019) and still qualify for enrollment.	YES – individuals can have a gross income of up to 300% of SSI (\$2,313 per month in 2019) and still qualify for enrollment.	NO, unless the individual resides in a nursing home or is enrolled in the MI Health Link Waiver.	YES – individuals can have a gross income of up to 300% of SSI (\$2,313 per month in 2019) and still qualify for enrollment.
The individual will have to meet a Medicaid Deductible (Spend-Down) to qualify for benefits	NO. If you are eligible for Medicaid and your income is below the limit, you will not have a spend-down if you enroll in PACE.	NO. If you are eligible for Medicaid and your income is below the limit, you will not have a spend-down if you enroll in MI Choice.	NO. Individuals who have a spend-down are not eligible for MI Health Link.	NO. If you are eligible and your income is below the income limit, you will not have a spend-down if you enroll in MI Health Link + MI Health Link Waiver.

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Enrollment Start Date	The first day of the month after PACE eligibility is confirmed.	No sooner than the date of the MI Choice assessment. Can be any day of the month, unless transferring from another long-term care program.	The first day of the month after MI Health Link eligibility is confirmed.	The first day of the month in which MDHHS approves MI Health Link + MI Health Link Waiver eligibility.
Disenrollment Rules	Disenrollments occur on the last day of the month.	Can occur any day of the month. Common reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are admitted to a nursing facility • Death • You no longer meet eligibility criteria • You have been in a hospital for 30 days • You chose another long-term care program 	On the last day of the month, except the following situations in which the disenrollment is the day before the date of admission or placement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Psychiatric Hospital admission - Incarceration (in prison, jail, etc.) - State Veterans' Home admission 	On the last day of the month, except the following situations in which the disenrollment is the day before the date of admission or placement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Psychiatric Hospital admission - Incarceration (in prison, jail, etc.) - State Veterans' Home admission
Covers Acute, Chronic, and Long Term Care needs	YES	NO – only covers long-term care. May enroll in hospice, but MI Choice does not cover hospice benefits.	YES, except if the individual chooses hospice services, Medicare Part A and B and hospice services are covered under Medicare fee-for-service. The ICO covers all other services including Medicare Part D.	YES, except if the individual chooses hospice services, Medicare Part A and B and hospice services are covered under Medicare fee-for-service. The ICO covers all other services including Medicare Part D.

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Services Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Medicare and Medicaid covered services • All services approved by the PACE Interdisciplinary Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Day Health • Chore Services • Community Health Worker • Community Living Supports • Community Transportation • Counseling • Environmental Modifications • Fiscal Intermediary • Goods and Services • Home Delivered Meals • Nursing Services • Personal Emergency Response System • Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care • Respite Services • Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies • Supports Coordination • Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Medicare services unless receiving hospice • All Medicaid State Plan services • Dental services • Hearing Aid coverage • Supplemental Services for individuals who do not meet nursing facility level of care or are not enrolled in the MI Health Link HCBS waiver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive Medical Equipment and Supplies • Personal Emergency Response System • Respite (14 overnight stays or 336 hours per 365 days) • Any additional optional services offered by the specific health plan. • Behavioral health and substance use disorder services through the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All services in the "MI Health Link" column • Adaptive Medical Equipment and Supplies* • Adult Day Program • Assistive Technology • Chore Services • Environmental Modifications • Expanded Community Living Supports • Fiscal Intermediary • Home Delivered Meals • Non-Medical Transportation • Personal Emergency Response System* • Preventive Nursing Services • Private Duty Nursing • Respite* <p>*MI Health Link HCBS waiver enrollees will not receive the services marked with the asterisk through the Supplemental Services listed in the MI Health Link column to the left. They will receive these services through the waiver, but not in addition to the Supplemental Services.</p>

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Where can services be provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home • PACE Center • Other Community-based settings • Nursing Facility • Hospitals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home • Qualified Adult Foster Care Homes • Qualified Homes for the Aged • In the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home • Nursing Facilities • Offices of doctors or other providers • Hospitals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home • Qualified Adult Foster Care Homes • Qualified Homes for the Aged • In the community • Offices of doctors or other providers
Administering Agency (Website for looking up specific agencies)	PACE Organization http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2945_42542_42543_42549-87437-.00.html	Waiver Agency https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_2943_4857_5045-16263--.00.html	Integrated Care Organization http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_64077-354084-.00.html	Integrated Care Organization http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_64077-354084-.00.html