

*Helping you  
return to  
community  
living*



*Help with  
finding a home  
you can afford  
and learning  
about jobs in  
your community*



*An individualized  
transition plan  
for a safe and  
successful move*



*Services  
and supports  
you need  
in your  
own home*

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move, obtaining housing or even just some one-time financial help to make utility deposits or purchase basic supplies for the home. If you choose to transition, Gateway to Community Living may provide:

- A dedicated transition coordinator to help you make and carry out an individualized transition plan
- Help with costs related to the move such as rental and utility deposits
- Help finding and obtaining accessible and affordable housing
- Help learning about opportunities for jobs in the community

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## ***What is Gateway to Community Living?***

Gateway to Community Living is an initiative of the Alabama Medicaid Agency that helps Alabamians who are aging or have disabilities live at home in their own communities.

## ***Who qualifies for Gateway to Community Living assistance?***

To qualify for Gateway to Community Living, you must meet the following requirements:

- Currently live in a nursing home or other qualified institution
- Be a Medicaid recipient for at least one day before transition
- Be able to live in the community with services available from Alabama's Home and Community-based programs

## ***What services can a person get through Gateway to Community Living?***

Gateway to Community Living lets eligible people who currently live in an institution enroll in one of Alabama's seven Home and Community-based Waiver programs so they can still get the services and supports they need at home. Each waiver offers a different set of services, depending on the population it is designed to serve.

If you are interested in moving to the community, a trained Transition Coordinator can help you find out if you are eligible and talk with you about the available services that would best suit your needs for safe and healthy community living.

## ***Are there any other services that will help someone make a successful transition?***

**Yes.** People who want to return to community living often have some extra needs, such as help with planning the

## **How can someone make a referral for Gateway to Community Living transition assistance?**

- If you tell staff at your residential facility you would like to return to community living, they can make a referral on your behalf.
- You or your legal guardian may also self-refer using the online referral system or by submitting a referral by email, fax or regular mail. A family member, friend or advocate may also help in making the referral, if desired.

You can find a referral form at [www.medicaid.alabama.gov](http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov) by clicking on the Gateway to Community Living logo.

## **How can someone get more information about Gateway to Community Living?**

Information is available at the Gateway to Community Living page on the Alabama Medicaid Agency's website. Go to [www.medicaid.alabama.gov](http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov) and click on the Gateway to Community Living logo.

You may also contact Gateway to Community Living at any of the following:

*By Phone (Toll Free):* 855-236-6341

*By Email:* [gclportal@medicaid.alabama.gov](mailto:gclportal@medicaid.alabama.gov)

*By Fax:* 334-353-3642

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