

Senior Moments

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What is a Medicaid Waiver?



Traditional Medicaid benefits can be available to help cover the costs of nursing home care for individuals who qualify, but those benefits do not cover the costs of help in the home or assisted living. The Medicaid Waiver program is a state funded program that was developed to allow individuals in need of assistance to receive services in the home rather than in a nursing home. The Medicaid Waiver recipient may also use the waiver to cover the costs of assisted living at assisted living facilities that accept Medicaid Waivers.

To apply for a Medicaid Waiver, applicants must first visit our local Agency on Aging, Thrive Alliance, and request to be assessed for the Waiver program. If a waiver is issued to the applicant, then the applicant may begin receiving services at little or no cost to the applicant, so long as they qualify for Medicaid also. This valuable program may allow some seniors to safely stay in their own homes rather than entering care in a nursing home.

Thrive Alliance also offers other programs for individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid. If you have an elderly loved one who is in need of help in the home, then you should contact Thrive Alliance to see if your loved one may qualify for help. You should also contact an elder law attorney who can advise you on qualifying for Medicaid and protecting your assets.



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Considering Donating Your Body to Science?

In addition to electing to be an organ donor, individuals have the opportunity to donate their body to science for medical research and training upon their passing. One way to do this is by preparing a general designation pursuant to the Indiana Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, specifying what you wish to donate and to whom. This is a legal document and an attorney should be consulted to help with this process. Another option is to enroll specifically with the IU School of Medicine donation program. On their website, <https://medicine.iu.edu/give/gift-types/body-donation>, specific enrollment forms are provided as well as details as to how the program operates and what you and your family can expect after your passing.

Welcome to the community, Vivera!

Vivera is a new assisted living facility that provides affordable apartment housing and assistance with activities of daily living for elderly individuals. Vivera accepts the Medicaid Waiver for individuals that meet Vivera's specific income requirements. The facility is located at:

1971 State St.
Columbus, IN 47201
T: 812-376-0698

Gardant.com/viveraseniorlivingcolumbus/

Indiana COVID-19 Vaccinations

Indiana has now opened COVID-19 vaccination enrollment to individuals age 60 and over. To schedule an appointment visit coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/index.htm or call 211.