Medicaid Eligibility Steps

If you are released from the waitlist, the ADRC will contact you and provide information about the SMMC LTC enrollment process and the eligibility steps which must be completed:

A. Completion of the Form 3008 by your primary care doctor. You must return the completed 3008 Form by the due date.

B. FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY If you do not already have Medicaid, you must submit the Medicaid application to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). You must submit a Medicaid application by the due date. The ADRC will assist you with submitting your application, if requested.

C. MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY Completing a face-to-face assessment with a CARES (Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-Term Care Services) assessor. A CARES assessor will contact you to schedule an appointment for the face-to-face assessment.

For SMMC LTC, if eligible, the Agency for Health Care Administration’s Enrollment Broker will send you a welcome packet with information about choosing a managed care plan and enrollment.

For more information, please contact:

Department of Elder Affairs
4040 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Phone: 850-414-2000
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Florida’s Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Aging & Disability Resource Centers
What Is An ADRC?
The Department of Elder Affairs administers programs and services for elders across the state of Florida through 11 Area Agencies on Aging, which operate as Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). The ADRCs serve as highly visible and trusted sources for elders to get assistance within their communities. The ADRCs offer a one-stop system that integrates information, referral for services, and eligibility functions for elders, persons with disabilities, and caregivers.

The ADRCs share a common information and referral system to provide elders and persons with disabilities with uniform assistance no matter where they live. This system also offers public access to a statewide database of local community resources available on the Internet or by calling the Elder Helpline toll-free at:

1-800-96-ELDER
(1-800-963-5337)
www.agingresourcecentersofflorida.org

What Happens When I Contact My ADRC About Medicaid?
When you contact your local ADRC, a representative will explain resources based on discussed needs or conduct a screening for long-term care services. If services are not available at the time of your screening, you may be placed on a waitlist.

To be placed on the waitlist, you must be a Florida resident age 60 and older or a person with a disability age 18 or older. Placement on the waitlist requires you to do the following:

• ensure the ADRC has your current phone number and mailing address; and
• participate in initial telephone screening and an annual rescreening.

If you have a change in any of the following areas listed below, it is necessary that you contact your local ADRC to update your information.

• Health status;
• Living situation;
• Caregiver; and/or
• Home environment.

ADRCs Will Provide
• Information and referral for privately/publicly funded benefits and services;
• Access to services for all Floridians seeking long-term care resources;
• Waitlist placement; and
• Assistance with Medicaid eligibility.

Program Highlights
The ADRC provides information about Medicaid programs for elders and persons with disabilities. This includes the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care (SMMC LTC) Program. Both programs provide long-term care services to individuals with Medicaid eligibility. SMMC LTC includes nursing home and in-home services in a managed care setting. PACE provides individuals with home and community-based services at a cost less than nursing home care. PACE is available in Miami-Dade, Lee, Charlotte, Collier, and Pinellas counties.

Contact your local ADRC for more information about participating in these programs and eligibility requirements.