

## **Title 23: Division of Medicaid**

### **Part 208: Home and Community Based Long-Term Care**

#### **Chapter 6: Bridge to Independence (B2I)**

##### *Rule 6.2: Eligibility*

- A. To participate in the Bridge to Independence (B2I) demonstration project, the person:
1. Must reside in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) or a nursing facility for at least ninety (90) consecutive days with at least one (1) day of the stay reimbursed by Medicaid.
  2. Cannot have received short-term rehabilitation services reimbursed under Medicare during the ninety (90) day stay requirement.
  3. Must be eligible for one (1) of the following Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS):
    - a) Assisted Living (AL) Waiver,
    - b) Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver,
    - c) Independent Living (IL) Waiver,
    - d) Intellectual Disability/Developmental Disability (ID/DD) Waiver,
    - e) Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury (TBI/SCI) Waiver, and/or
    - f) Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Services/Rehabilitation option of the State Plan.
  4. Must meet the level of care criteria for an ICF/IID or a nursing facility and, if not for the provision of HCB long-term care services, the person would continue to require the level of care provided in the facility.
- B. Qualified residences for transitioning persons must pass a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Quality Standards inspection and meet one (1) of the following criteria:
1. A home owned or leased by the transitioning person or the person's family member,
  2. An apartment with lockable access leased to the transitioning person which includes living, sleeping, bathing, and cooking areas over which the person or the person's family has domain and control, or

3. A residence in a community-based residential setting in which no more than four (4) unrelated persons reside.

Source: 42 USC § 1369a; Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121; *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 119 S. Ct. 2176 (1999).

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