

## PROGRAM GOAL

The goal is to identify the services and support systems that a nursing facility resident may need in order to move into his or her own residence and to live independently again.

## Background

The Community Reintegration Program (CRP) is designed to reintegrate individuals between the ages of 18 and 59 who are interested in moving back into the community from a nursing facility setting. Funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Rehabilitation Services (DHS/DRS), CRP can provide services and purchase items to establish a home in the community. This program is partially reimbursed by Medicaid.

*Independent Living is the right of people with disabilities to control and direct their own lives, to have choices and options and to actively participate in all aspects of society.*



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## COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Open to recommendations of staff regarding referrals for other services and demonstrates a willingness to follow through
- Follow all action steps to complete reintegration
- Demonstrate initiative in meeting goals
- Resides in an Illinois nursing facility
- Lives in Illinois
- A U.S. citizen or legal immigrant
- Between the ages of 18 and 59 (exceptions for the BI and AIDS waiver programs)
- Severe disability which will last for 12 months or the duration of life
- CRP staff completes Determination of Need (DON)
- No more than \$17,500 in non-exempt assets
- Receives or applies for Medicaid benefits
- Does not require in-home services that are expected to cost more than institutional care

The Community Reintegration Program is intended to be a one-time only process to help with the initial set up of basic living arrangements, as well as linkages to services needed to live independently.



**CRP participants are visited in the nursing facilities by CRP staff, who will do initial assessments to determine if they are appropriate candidates.**

**When a referral is received, our CRP staff will meet with the potential participant, explain the program, assess the need for services and support the individual will require for a successful transition.**

**Information will be provided to ensure the participant can weigh the pros and cons between nursing facility and community living.**



- **Locate and secure affordable housing**
- **Assist with the first month's rent and security deposit**
- **Provide household items**
- **Provide assistive equipment and devices**
- **Arrange for home remodeling to ensure independent safe functioning**
- **Provide training in independent living skills**
- **Make referrals of personal assistant services, if eligible**
- **Provide personal assistant management training, if necessary**
- **Provide case management**
- **Provide advocacy and peer support.**

## Benefits