



*Homeward Bound is a new program that helps older and disabled adults transition from nursing homes or hospitals to community living.*

**Who can participate?**

You must be 18 or older, qualify for MaineCare, have lived in a nursing home and/or hospital for at least 90 days, and have a desire to move back to the community. \*We will however begin working with you prior to the 90 day mark.

**What kinds of services and supports are available?**

A Transition Coordinator will help pull together a team of people that are involved with your care and support (nursing facility/hospital and community providers, family and friends, etc.) You get to determine who is on your team.

Your care needs will be identified, you will be asked about what is most important to you, and your team will help put together the plan. The Transition Coordinator will help you access services and supports that will meet your needs and assist with arrangements for you move into your own place (home, apartment or group setting).

In addition to MaineCare funded Home and Community Based Services available (based on eligibility), for up to one year after the transition takes place, Homeward Bound offers other services and supports to help, such as:

- ✓ Help finding a place to live and assistance with home modifications, adaptive equipment and or assistive technology devices.
- ✓ Assessments and consultation with specialists prior to and/or after the transition to help identify and address your unique needs.
- ✓ Peer Support - guidance from other people who have already made the transition from long term institutional care back to the community.

**For more information or to make a referral, contact:**

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