The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has a policy called “Money Follows the Person” that allows people who are eligible for Medicaid and living in a nursing facility to choose an appropriate community setting and receive community services and supports.

You have options

Under Money Follows the Person, Medicaid-eligible nursing facility residents who prefer to live in their own homes and communities can do so.

Your options to live in the community could include:

• Participation in waiver programs that provide a wide range of community long-term services such as personal care, nursing, therapies, adaptive aids, medical supplies, and minor home modifications or

• Participation in community services programs that provide limited care in your own home, the home of a relative, an adult foster care home, or an assisted living residence.

Things to consider when choosing your options:

• Services and supports available to meet your needs in the community are limited. Twenty-four hour services are not available.

• Funds for your community services and supports are limited and cannot exceed the cost of providing similar services in a nursing facility.

To learn more about community options that may increase your independence, please call your local Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services office or the DADS Office of Consumer Rights and Services at 1-800-458-9858.