

Comparison of Long Term Care Options

Long term Care Option	Broad Definition	Basic Services Included	Regulatory & Advocacy Oversight
Home & Community-Based	Members/Participants receive	Case management and care	Enrollment via ADRCs; care
Services (HCBS)	services where they live.	coordination, supportive home	coordination and services
Known in WI as Family Care,		care, skilled nursing, therapies,	facilitated through Managed
Family Care Partnership	Comprehensive for persons age 18 and older who meet state	employment skills training and pre-vocational training for	Care Organizations (MCOs) as contracted with the State
Chapter DHS 10	Medicaid eligibility requirements.	younger members.	Department of Health Services.
Self-Directed Supports - IRIS	•		Advocacy and rights protections via the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for persons age 60 and older, via Disability Rights of WI for members age 18 – 59.
			Self-directed supports in IRIS managed via IRIS Consultant Agency (ICA), with budget managed via the IRIS Fiscal Employer Agent.



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Supported Independent Living Apartments (SIL)	Tenants receive services where they live; tenants may largely be Family Care members or IRIS participants.	Care coordination and services facilitated through Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) or IRIS Consultant Agencies (ICAs) as contracted with the State Department of Health Services.	Advocacy and rights protections for persons age 60 and older via the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program apply only to the Family Care or IRIS service packages vs. landlord-tenant disputes.
Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) Chapter DHS 89	An apartment that includes a kitchen, living area, bedroom and private bathroom. Limitations on tenants with guardianships, activated powers of attorney for health care.	Required: meals, housekeeping, laundry, arranging medical appointments and transportation. May provide up to 28 hours per week of personal care and/or nursing services. (These are generally provided for a fee above the monthly rent.)	"Registered" or "Certified" by the Department of Health Services (DHS). No on-site or annual inspections required, unless certified. No requirement for DHS to investigate tenant complaints, unless certified. Advocacy and rights protections via the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for tenants age 60 and older.





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Adult Family Home (AFH) Chapter DHS 88	Where 3 or 4 adults, not related to the operator, reside and receive care, treatment and/or services above room and board.	Assistance or supervision with activities of daily living (ADLs). Not more than 7 hours per week of nursing care.	Licensed by the Department of Health Services (DHS). License inspection every 24 months. Division of Quality Assurance investigates complaints. Advocacy and rights protections via the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for residents age 60 and older.
Adult Family Home (AFH)	Where 1 – 2 adults reside and receive care, treatment and/or services above room and board.	Assistance or supervision with activities of daily living (ADLs). Not more than 7 hours per week of nursing care.	Certified by managed care organizations or IRIS ICA. Certification inspection annually The certifying managed care organization or IRIS ICA investigates complaints. Advocacy and rights protections via the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for residents age 60 and older.



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Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) Chapter DHS 83	Where 5 or more adults reside, who are not related to the operator, in which care, treatment and/or services above room and board are provided.	3 meals per day, plus snacks. Social programs. Assistance or supervision with activities of daily living (ADL's). Not more than 3 hours per week of skilled nursing care.	Licensed by the Department of Health Services (DHS). License inspection every 24 months by the Division of Quality Assurance (DQA). DQA investigates complaints. Advocacy and rights protections via the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for residents age 60 and older.
Nursing Home Chapter DHS 132	A facility licensed to provide skilled nursing care.	3 meals per day, plus snacks. 24 hour skilled nursing care. Rehabilitative services. Services to meet the psychosocial, emotional and/or physical needs of the resident.	Licensed by the Department of Health Services (DHS). Inspected annually by the Division of Quality Assurance (DQA). DQA investigates complaints. Advocacy and rights protections via the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for residents age 60 and older.

This is not intended to be an all-inclusive guide for variations in these options. See your local Aging and Disability Resource Center for more complete information.

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