

Private Non-Medical Institutions (PNMI): Important Facts for You

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must follow the rules from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Recently, CMS told DHHS that Maine is not following the right rules for Private Non-Medical Institutions (PNMI). These are places where people live together to get help with personal care needs and other medical needs.

We hope this Fact Sheet will help you make informed choices about healthcare.

Why is it Important to Follow CMS Rules?

MaineCare is funded partly by state Medicaid funds and partly by federal Medicaid funds through CMS. To get the Federal part of Medicaid funds, Maine must follow all CMS rules and regulations. The federal part of Medicaid funds makes up about two-thirds of every Medicaid dollar used to pay for services to Medicaid members who live in PNMI. Room and board is paid for by the state.

In order to follow CMS rules, DHHS and our providers will have to make some changes. We are still working together on what the changes will be, but change in the PNMI system is coming. A part of this change may include how these services are paid for with Medicaid funds.

Making Informed Choices

Look for the most current information when making choices about your healthcare and try to keep the highest level of independence possible. If you need more services, there may be other options to think about before going to residential care.

Work with your care manager, doctor and family members to make these choices.

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<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/provider/pnmi.html>.

We are in close contact with CMS on this issue and will update this web page often. Please check often for the most up to date information.