

ASSISTIVE COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

At-A-Glance

What is it?

Assistive Community Care Services (ACCS) is a Vermont Medicaid benefit that pays for services to eligible Vermonters who live in participating Licensed Level III Residential Care Homes or Assisted Living Residences.

ACCS Services Include:

- 1. In- House Case Management:** To assist you with gaining access to needed medical, social, and other services and to ensure you receive the services identified in your plan of care.
- 2. Personal Care Services: (*up to nursing home level of care*)** Assistance with eating, walking, bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, personal hygiene, grooming, and other personal needs.
- 3. Nursing Assessment & Routine Tasks:** Assessment, health monitoring and evaluation, and routine nursing care is provided or supervised by a Licensed Registered Nurse.
- 4. Medication Assistance:** The home will assist you with medication monitoring and administration.
- 5. On-Site Assistive Therapy:** Activities, techniques or methods designed to improve cognitive skills or modify behavior, in consultation with a licensed professional.
- 6. Restorative Nursing:** Services which promote and maintain function.

In addition to ACCS services you will receive other services, such as laundry, housekeeping, meals and limited assistance with transportation needs.

Staff members are supervised by a State-Certified Manager and a Licensed Registered Nurse.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible, you must:

- 1.** Be a Vermont resident age 65 or older, or be 18 or older and have a disability.
- 2.** Need ACCS services;
- 3.** Live in a participating Licensed Level III Residential Care Home or Assisted Living Residence; and,
- 4.** Meet the income and resource criteria for VT Medicaid ACCS program.

What will it Cost?

Vermont Medicaid pays for ACCS services. The Licensed Level III Residential Care Home will bill Medicaid for each day it provides you services.

You are responsible for paying room and board directly to the home. You are entitled to keep a minimum personal needs allowance.

Details regarding the cost for all services and your Resident Rights, will be maintained in your Admission Agreement with the home.

How do I Apply?

1. Find a participating Licensed Level III Residential Care Home or Assisted Living Residence that has the space and ability to meet your needs.
A list of Residential Care Homes (RCH) and Assisted Living Residences (ALR) can be found on the Division of Licensing and Protection website (DLP) at <http://dlp.vermont.gov/>
2. If you are not already on VT Medicaid, you must submit an application to the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA). **855-899-9600**
Applications can be located on the Green Mountain Care website.
<http://www.greenmountaincare.org/apply-online-health-insurance> They will determine your eligibility for VT Medicaid.
3. Complete a Verification of Eligibility for ACCS form with the home, once DVHA has determined you are eligible.
4. If you are not currently receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, contact the Social Security Administration to determine whether you are eligible for SSI in a Level III Residential Care Home or Assisted Living Residence.
5. When you move into the ACCS provider home, you will complete an admission agreement with the home.

Who do I Call for Help?

Your local Area Agency on Aging can help you find a participating home and apply for Medicaid and SSI benefits. **800-642-5119**