

Return to Community Initiative

The Return to Community initiative includes federal and state long-term care rebalancing efforts, known as Return to Community, passed during the 2009 Minnesota Legislative session. The initiative is targeted to nursing home residents who express a desire to return to the community and/or have a support person to assist with their transition from the nursing home to the community. It is a comprehensive initiative across multiple programs of the Minnesota Department of Human Services Continuing Care Administration in partnership with the federally designated Aging and Disability Resource Center initiative, known as the Minnesota Help Network™ which is administered by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Return to Community is targeted to nursing home residents who: are early in their nursing home stay (90-days or less from admission); have the desire and/or support to return to the community; fit a community discharge profile that indicates a high probability of community discharge; and would otherwise become long stay residents.

Return to Community is an evidence-based, consumer driven service provided locally by MinnesotaHelp Network™ Community Living Specialists. The specialists are part of the network that includes the Minnesota Board on Aging Senior LinkAge Line® and www.MinnesotaHelp.info. Both are part of the broader Minnesota Help Network™ which is the Aging and Disability Resource center (ADRC) model for Minnesota that also includes the Disability Linkage Line®, Veterans Linkage Line™ and other community based partners.