

Get to know IRIS

IRIS can help you get the life you want with the support you need.

Include

Wisconsin elders, adults with physical disabilities, adults with developmental disabilities who are Medicaid eligible can participate in IRIS and use it to help them remain connected to others.

Respect

You choose where you live, what relationships you build, where you work, and how actively you participate in your community.

I Self-Direct

IRIS is a self-directed option in which you creatively use resources to help meet your individual long-term care needs.

Where do I find more information?

Visit our website at:
<http://dhs.wi.gov/bdds/IRIS/index.htm>



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IRIS is a Wisconsin program where you self-direct your publicly funded, community-based, long-term care supports and services.

Where do I start?

Contact your local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) to see if you are eligible and when IRIS will be available in your county. To be eligible for IRIS you must meet the Wisconsin Medicaid eligibility requirements.

How does it work?

- ☀ You or your representative or guardian choose IRIS.
- ☀ An individual budget is established based on your needs.
- ☀ With your budget in mind, you develop your individual support and service plan. Friends, family, or others may help you manage your IRIS plan and budget.
- ☀ The IRIS Consultant Agency supports you to develop your plan and provides detailed information about IRIS.
- ☀ You make purchases and hire service providers directly, or with the help of an employment agency.
- ☀ You authorize payments to your providers. The Financial Services Agency pays the bills promptly and does all of the employee-related paperwork.

How can IRIS work for me?

In IRIS you use your own natural supports and creativity with your budget to achieve your hopes and dreams. Here are a few examples of how you might use your budget.

Transportation

IRIS can pay your neighbor to drive you to a community meeting, for a bus pass, or for adaptations to your vehicle.

Employment

IRIS can purchase supports and services to help you obtain and keep the job of your choice.

Care Providers

IRIS can pay the wages and training costs of the people you select to assist you.

IRIS can help to support your long-term care needs, when and where you choose — you decide.

IRIS is all about you:
Include, Respect, I Self-Direct.

What can I put in my plan?

With IRIS, your plan includes flexible goods and services that you select to help you meet your needs at home, work and in the community. You may hire staff directly or purchase services from an agency. You continue to use your Medicare or Medicaid Card to pay for items or services covered by these programs.