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## Long-Term Care services

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### Policy

An ALTCS customer's living arrangement affects the services the customer receives, how income eligibility is determined, and the share of cost.

To receive the full ALTCS services package, including long-term care services, the customer's living arrangements must meet the requirements in the table below.

Customer lives...	And...
In a Long-Term Care (LTC) Medical Institution	The living arrangement is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed, and</li> <li>• Registered with AHCCCS.</li> </ul>
In a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) setting	The customer intends to receive Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HCBS setting is licensed or certified, and</li> <li>• The HCBS setting is registered with AHCCCS.</li> </ul>
At home	The customer intends to receive Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

If the living arrangement does not meet one of the requirements the person cannot receive long-term care services. See section B ALTCS Acute Care.

## Definitions

Term	Definitions
HCBS settings other than the customer's home	HCBS settings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Developmental Homes;</li> <li>• Adult Foster Care Home;</li> <li>• Assisted Living Homes and Assisted Living Centers;</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Therapeutic Homes;</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Centers – Levels II and III;</li> <li>• Child Development Foster Care Homes;</li> <li>• Group Homes for Developmentally Disabled;</li> <li>• Large Group Settings for Adults and Children; and</li> <li>• Rural Substance Abuse Transitional Agency Centers.</li> </ul>
HCBS setting - Customer's home	The customer's home means any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A house;</li> <li>• A mobile home or trailer;</li> <li>• An apartment;</li> <li>• A room rented in someone else's home, or in a boarding house;</li> <li>• Any similar shelter; or</li> <li>• For a child in foster care, the foster home.</li> </ul> A setting that is unregistered, unlicensed and uncertified is considered the customer's "home". <p>The customer's home does not mean any other HCBS setting or LTC Medical Institution.</p>
Long Term Care Medical Institutions	An institution that provides medical, nursing, convalescent, hospice care or Level I behavioral health services. <p>LTC medical institutions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing facilities;</li> <li>• ICF-MR;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free-standing hospice;</li> <li>• Residential Treatment Center (RTC);</li> <li>• Institution for Mental Disease (IMD);</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Centers – Level I; and</li> <li>• Long term care bed in a hospital.</li> </ul>
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**Proof**

Submitting an ALTCS application verifies intent to receive ALTCS services at the time of application.

If the customer or spouse resides. . .	Then the living arrangement of the customer or spouse is verified by. . .
At home	Contact with the customer, the spouse, another household member or the customer’s authorized or legal representative.
In any other setting	Contact with a staff member of the HCBS setting or LTC medical institution.

**Legal Authority**

This requirement applies to the following program:

Program	Legal Authorities
ALTCS	42 USC 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(V) 42 USC 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI) 42 CFR 435.1005 ARS §36-2939 AAC R9-28-406

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Customers whose living arrangements do not allow them to get long-term care services only get the acute care services listed in [MA301](#).

If the ALTCS customer is only eligible for acute care services, income eligibility is determined using either the:

Gross Income Test; or  
Net Income Test.

The Gross Income Test is used when a customer lives in any of the following:

Non-certified medical facility;  
Long term care bed in a VA hospital; or  
Medical facility that does not have a contract with the program contractor.

The Net Income Test is used when the customer:

Lives in an HCBS setting that is licensed or certified, but is not registered with AHCCCS;  
Lives at home or in an HCBS setting and refuses HCBS services; or  
Refuses to move from a non-contracted HCBS setting to a contracted setting.

When the facility where the customer resides becomes registered with AHCCCS during the customer's application process, the customer is eligible for long term care services starting the month the facility becomes registered with AHCCCS.

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## Definitions

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Gross Income Test	Gross countable income is compared to 300% of the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR).
Net Income Test	Countable income minus allowable deductions is compared to 100% of the FBR.

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## Proof

Contact the facility to determine:

- The name and address of the facility;
- Whether the facility is licensed or certified.

TO USE PMMIS TO VERIFY A FACILITY IS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED, SEE [VERIFYING A SETTING IS LICENSED AND REGISTERED WITH AHCCCS](#).

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## Legal Authority

Program	Legal Authorities
ALTCS	AAC R9-28-406(B)



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## Hospitals

As described in section A, a customer who is in a long-term care bed in a hospital is considered to be residing in a long term care medical institution. Eligibility and share of cost are determined as if the customer is residing in a nursing facility.

Customers who are hospitalized, but are not in a long-term care bed may not qualify for long-term care services. See the table below:

If the hospitalized customer...	Then...
Has applied for ALTCS, but the eligibility decision has not been made yet	The application cannot be approved until the person is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discharged from the hospital, or</li> <li>• Moved to a long-term care bed.</li> </ul>
Is already on ALTCS	There is no change to the customer's eligibility or share of cost.

