

CERTIFICATION OF PRIOR RESIDENCE

BACKGROUND

Chapter 409.915, Florida Statutes, requires all counties within the State of Florida to participate in payment for Medicaid nursing home care, rural swing bed care and hospital based distinct part skilled nursing unit care for their county residents, regardless of the county where the long-term care facility is located. The Medicaid County Billing Section is responsible for billing individual counties for their share of funds.

ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST RESPONSIBILITY

As a part of the Institutional Care Program eligibility determination process the eligibility specialist gathers information used to inform the county when one of its residents is placed in a nursing home, rural swing bed or hospital based distinct part skilled nursing unit as a Medicaid patient, by completing the AIPR screen, Certification of Prior Residence. The AIPR screen is designed to collect information contained in the eligibility record. It is imperative that detailed and accurate information be included on the screen to ensure collection of funds.

The AIPR screen is not required for individuals entering an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled (ICF/DD), HOSPICE or a state mental health hospital.

DETERMINING COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

An individual's county of residence is the last legal residence (address) where the individual lived prior to his admission to the long-term care facility. It is established when the person maintains a physical living arrangement, outside of a medical facility or state mental health hospital, which is considered to be their home.

1. This could be an assisted living facility (ALF), adult family care home, or a retirement home.
2. A temporary living arrangement before admission to a health care facility does not constitute the establishment of residency.
3. A visit to another county does not affect an individual's residency as long as the individual continues to maintain a residence in the original county.
4. A person can establish residency in one day if the intent is to live in the county outside of a medical facility; or on the other hand, may not be a resident after visiting for four or five months if there is no stated intent to live in that county.

OUT OF STATE RESIDENCE

When an individual is admitted to a nursing home, rural swing bed or hospital based distinct part skilled nursing unit directly from a place of residence outside of the State of Florida, the certified county of residence is the county where the facility is located. If the individual moves to a facility in another county, the individual's county of residence changes to the county of the new facility, and a new AIPR screen must be completed.

AIPR CERTIFICATION OF PRIOR RESIDENCE

1. The certification screen must be completed:
 - a. at the time of initial approval for institutional benefits under Medicaid;
 - b. when the recipient who was placed from out of state moves to another long-term care facility in a different county, even if the new facility is within the same Region/Circuit;
 - c. when the recipient is readmitted to a long-term care facility from residence in a community living arrangement.
2. Use the AIPR FLORIDA Screen Help Display to assist in completing this screen.