

# MY CHOICE MY WAY



## Participant Fact Sheet

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### Visitors

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#### **Can I choose who visits me?**

Yes. This new federal rule states that you can decide who you want to visit you. These rules also say that your visitor can come at any time you want.

#### **Why is this important to me?**

If you live in a provider-owned, controlled, or operated residential setting, you can choose who visits you and you can choose when they visit.

- Providers must support your right to have visitors any time you choose
- Providers must allow you to have visitors in your living unit or in common areas
- When you share your household with others, the preferences of others must also be respected
- There may be limits on the amount of time a visitor can stay based on a rental agreement or other agreement

Providers can put procedures in place to support your health and safety. The procedures must be reasonable. The procedures must not prevent you from having visitors. Here are two examples:

1. Providers may have your visitor check in when they come to visit you
2. Providers may help you plan for after-hours visits

There may be times that your assessed needs provide reasons to consider some limitations to having visitors. Limitations will not be used without your (or your authorized representative's) informed consent. Limitations will only be used when there is a health or safety risk and shall be documented in your person-centered plan.

For more information about Hawaii's transition plan, please contact us below.

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