The Mississippi Access to Care Center is the designated Local Contact Agency to support the resident’s expressed interest in being transitioned from the nursing facility to community living. Once the LCA has been notified of the resident’s request, information about community living options and available supports and services will be provided to the resident or their responsible party. The Transition to Community Referral Form is the tool used to initiate the process and identify services needed for a successful transition.

MAC Centers will:
- Assess need.
- Screen for appropriate services.
- Provide Information and Referral (I&R) for local services and supports.

The Nursing Facility is responsible for obtaining agreement and permission from each individual resident, through the usual signed release of information.

The MAC Center will decide of program referral and/or community support services within 2 business days of receiving the TCR form. The date of receipt of the referral will be recorded and starts the timed process. The MAC Center will contact the Referral Agency to provide information regarding the individual and services and/or support needed for the individual’s transition to community.

The Referral Agency will contact the individual or responsible party within five business days of receiving referral from the MAC Center. The Referral Agency will provide the individual or responsible party with information about services and/or resources in the community.

Nursing facility residents who qualify for waiver services should be given priority or placed at the top of the waiting list when there are no current resources (slots) available if:
(a) Their nursing facility stay is greater than 90 days.
(b) Medicaid has paid for at least one day of the nursing facility stay.

Referrals that do not meet the previously stated criteria should be contacted within five business days and placed on the referral waiting list. The TCR form should be returned to the appropriate MAC Center Manager with Disposition Determination by the 16th business day after receipt of referral.