

**State-Funded Assisted Living Options (or Similar) in Connecticut -
Less Restrictive Settings than Nursing Homes
Less Isolation than Home**

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In Connecticut, there is an "assisted living pilot" where Medicaid or state-funded home care (CHCPE category 2) can cover a portion of assisted living facility charges, but only (1) if the facility agrees to participate, and many do not, and (2) the individual's income will be sufficient to cover the basic room and board, which cannot be covered. Ask the facility if it participates in the "assisted living pilot" with the CT Home Care Program for Elders.

For those who cannot afford the private pay for the room-and-board portion of a private assisted living facilities charges, there are only a few other options for a CT resident to stay in an assisted living - type setting paid for by state benefits:

I. Moderate and Low-Income ALSA Demonstration Project - C.G.S. § 17b-347e

The Moderate and Low-Income ALSA Demonstration Project created Managed Residential Communities (MRC's) through which residents who meet the criteria receive assisted living services from the associated assisted living service agency. The criteria: 1) age 65 and older; 2) at risk of nursing home placement; and 3) meet the financial eligibility criteria of the state-funded home care program or Medicaid waiver home care program. (The state-funded program covers single people with assets of \$46,242 (2024 figure)).

Name	Address	Telephone:	# of Units
Herbert T. Clarke House	25 Risley Road Glastonbury	860-652-7623	45
The Retreat	90 Retreat Ave. Hartford	860-560-2273	95
Smithfield Gardens	32 Smith Street, Seymour	203-888-4579	56
Luther Ridge at Middletown	628 Congdon St. Middletown	860-347-7144	45

II. Assisted Living Services in State-Funded Congregate Housing - C.G.S. §§ 8-119m & 17b-342(c)

In 2000, the Legislature extended the CT Home Care Program for Elders to provide assisted living services to residents of state-funded congregate housing.

The sites that are participating include: Augustana Homes Bishop Curtis (Bethel), Bacon Congregate (Hartford), D.J. Komanetsky Estates (Bristol), Ella B. Scantlebury Senior Residence (New Haven), Herbert T. Clark House (Glastonbury), Mount Carmel Congregate (Hamden), Luther Manor (Middletown), Mystic River Homes (Noank), Ludlow Commons (South Norwalk), Prospect Ridge (Ridgefield), Seeley Brown Village (Pomfret), Silverbrook Estates (Orange), Virginia Connolly Congregate (Simsbury), St. Jude Common (Norwich), The Marvin (Norwalk), and F.J. Pitkat Congregate Living (Rockville).

III. State Assisted Living Demonstration in Federally Funded Elderly Housing - C.G.S. § 8-206e(d)

The Demonstration provides assisted living services to residents of designated buildings.

Site Name	Address	Phone
Immanuel House	15 Woodland Street Hartford	(860) 525-4288
Juniper Hill Village	1 Silo Circle Storrs, Mansfield	(860) 429-9933
Tower One/Tower East (Rent at Tower East is Section 8)	18 Tower Lane New Haven	(203) 772-1816

IV. Participating "Residential Care Homes." C.G.S. § 17b-261 et seq.

Facilities licensed as "residential care homes" may accept payment through the State Supplement program, a/k/a AABD. These may SAY that they "accept Medicaid." They may require applicants to private pay for a period of time to gain entry. The program is slightly different and has a 2-year lookback period but very strict penalty rules for transfers, and does not exempt transfers to a disabled child or a spouse. However, the assets of a spouse living apart from the resident are not considered. Quite often the word "home" is in the name of the facility. For most of these the private pay rate will be less than a nursing facility -- for instance, \$200-\$300 per day. Once the resident has no more funds, the resident applies for AABD. AABD is not retroactive, does not pay for months prior to month of application. If a resident has income over an amount that is set as 3 times the maximum SSI rate (for 2024, that means income more than \$2829 gross per month), a "pooled trust" is needed and excess income diverted to it in order for the person to qualify. Usually, the person is allowed to keep roughly \$300 per month as compared to \$75/month in a nursing facility.

V. Subsidized Units at Independent Living Facilities.

Although not technically "assisted living," a person might reside privately in an independent living facility that has set aside some units for lower-income residents for which the rent is subsidized through Section 8 (either as project-based, or if the facility is run by a nonprofit for the elderly). Then the person applies for the CT Home Care Program for Elders and receives services under that program. The facility might have congregare meals or other amenities and safety features, but yet qualify as being a community setting. There is no central listing of these locations, but it may be appropriate to ask any nonprofit-run continuing care retirement community whether the independent living includes any subsidized units of this type.