



Just the Facts:

Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver Program

What is the Assisted Living Medicaid Waiver Program?

In the budget for 2006-2007 biennium, the Ohio General Assembly authorized the creation of a Medicaid-funded assisted living waiver. The waiver program provides services in certified residential care facilities for older adults and people with disabilities as an alternative to home-based waiver programs and Medicaid-funded nursing facility care. Assisted living promotes aging in place by supporting consumer desire for independence, choice, and privacy.

Who is eligible for the Assisted Living Waiver Program?

Eligible participants must be current nursing facility residents or existing Medicaid waiver (PASSPORT, Ohio Home Care, Choices) participants, be age 21 or older, need hands-on assistance with dressing, bathing, toileting, grooming, eating, or mobility and have unpredictable needs for assistance with activities of daily living. There are also financial criteria for Medicaid eligibility and eligible participants must be able to pay room and board.

What are the financial eligibility criteria for the Assisted Living Waiver Program?

Individuals may not have countable assets valued at more than \$1,500. Monthly income must not exceed 300% of the Supplemental Security Income benefit, and, depending on the income, some participants may be required to pay a patient liability each month toward the cost of services.

What services does the Assisted Living Waiver Program provide?

There are two types of services provided by the program.

- **Assisted Living Services** include 24 hour on site response, personal care, supportive services such as housekeeping, laundry and maintenance, nursing and transportation, three meals per day, and social/recreational programming in a licensed Residential Care Facility.
- **Community Transition Services** are available to individuals leaving a nursing facility to enroll in the Assisted Living Waiver Program. These services help individuals obtain household furnishings and other essential items. The cost may not exceed \$1,500.

How does one apply for the Assisted Living Waiver Program?

To apply for the Assisted Living Waiver Program, call toll-free 1-866-243-5678 to contact the Area Agency on Aging serving your community. Consumers must complete an application, telephone screen, and an in-person assessment. Then, the consumer's Department of Job and Family Services will determine financial eligibility.