

Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging 2010-2011 State Budget Platform

The OAAAA supports the Unified Long-Term Care Budget recommendations that:

- 1) Provide a Long-term Care system driven by consumer choice. The budget should support a strong community based system that does not limit any Medicaid choice that costs less than nursing facility care by providing:
 - No waiting lists for PASSPORT, Assisted Living or PACE;
 - Care management of Medicaid State Plan services for PASSPORT consumers;
 - Follow up assessments and education to nursing facility residents about home and community based options;
 - A modified state budget structure to create a single line item for long-term care services in department budgets;
 - A “one-waiver” for Medicaid programs including PASSPORT, Assisted Living, PACE, Adult Foster Care and a program of supportive services for congregate housing to broaden the home and community based choices for consumers;
 - Choices, a self directed care program for PASSPORT consumers throughout the state;
 - An expanded Long Term Care Consumer Guide to provide information on all available long-term care services;
 - An interagency forecasting process;
 - A systematic and transparent process to review provider reimbursement rates.
- 2) Provide statewide information, education, and access to services to consumers not quite eligible for Medicaid who are at risk of nursing home placement.
 - Increase the Community Service Block Grant for Senior Services to provide basic care, including meals, homemaker, medical transportation, and adult day care. These services are often the key to allowing people to stay in the community and to avoid entering the Medicaid system.
- 3) Provide statewide funding for older adult protective services.
 - Ensure statewide access to an adequately funded system of Adult Protective Services and Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs.

