

# Area Agencies on Aging

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Ohio's twelve Area Agencies on Aging serve our state's older adults, families and caregivers. This is an example of how the aging network's care management system works in Ohio.

"I wake up every morning thinking, 'why am I so lucky?'" said Martha Spring, 92, as she looked around her room at Traditions at Mill Run.

Mrs. Spring, a former PASSPORT client, entered a nursing home in April 2006 due to a need for 24-hour oxygen. Her health improved but rheumatoid arthritis, poor vision, and cardiovascular problems meant she couldn't return to independent living. The nursing home gave her good care but her daughter knew it wasn't the right place for her mother. It was then that a case manager from the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging told the Spring family about the Assisted Living Waiver Program. In October 2006, Mrs. Spring became the first person in the central Ohio area to be placed in an Assisted Living facility.

"She is thriving here," said Mrs. Spring's daughter, Carole. "Everyone should see my Mom, and the difference this option has made."

For assisted living, Mrs. Spring pays \$901 a month and the Medicaid waiver pays approximately \$1750 a month. In comparison, the cost of a skilled nursing facility is \$4,800 a month. When Mrs. Spring lived at home, her PASSPORT Medicaid cost averaged \$991 a month.



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